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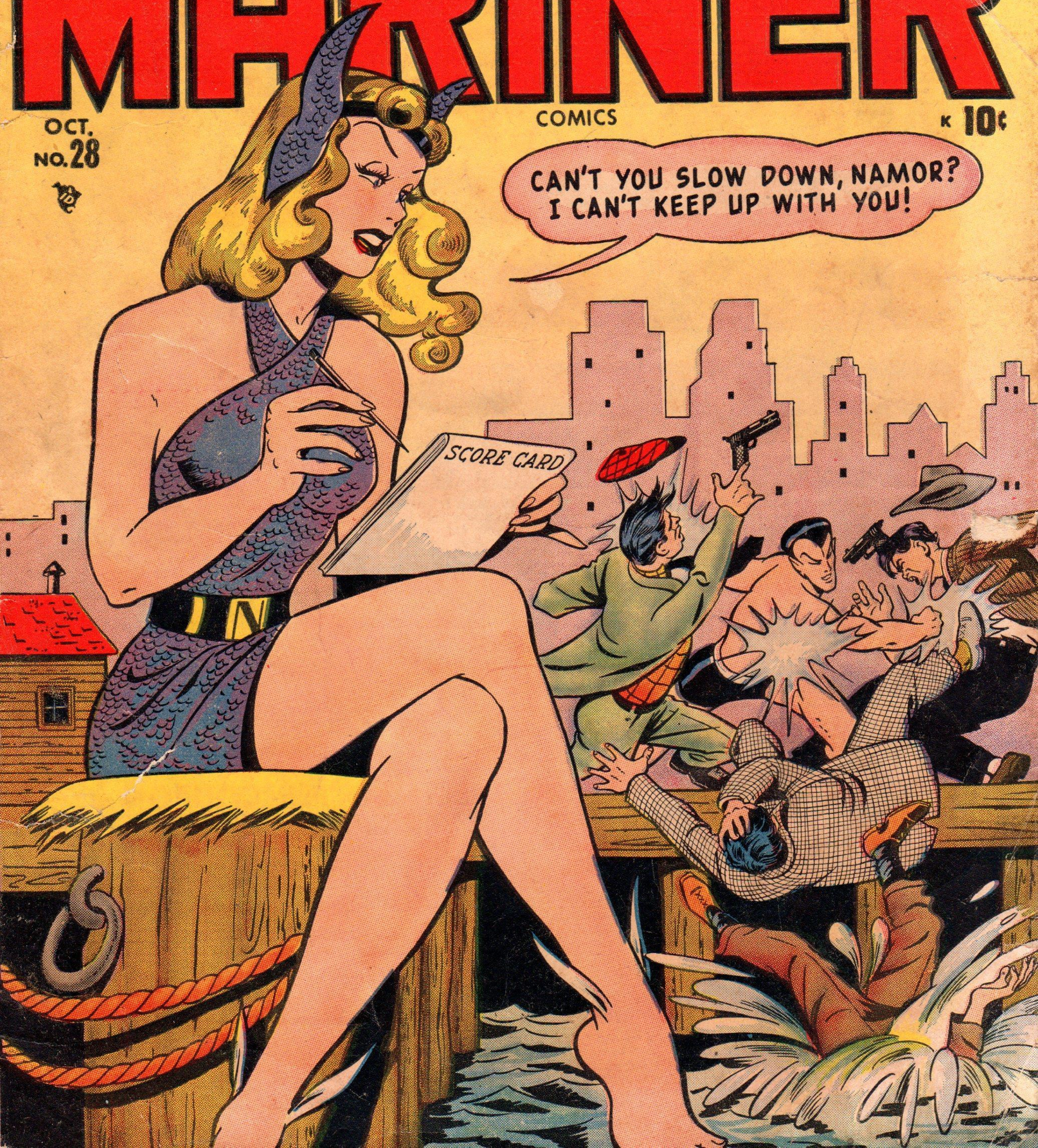
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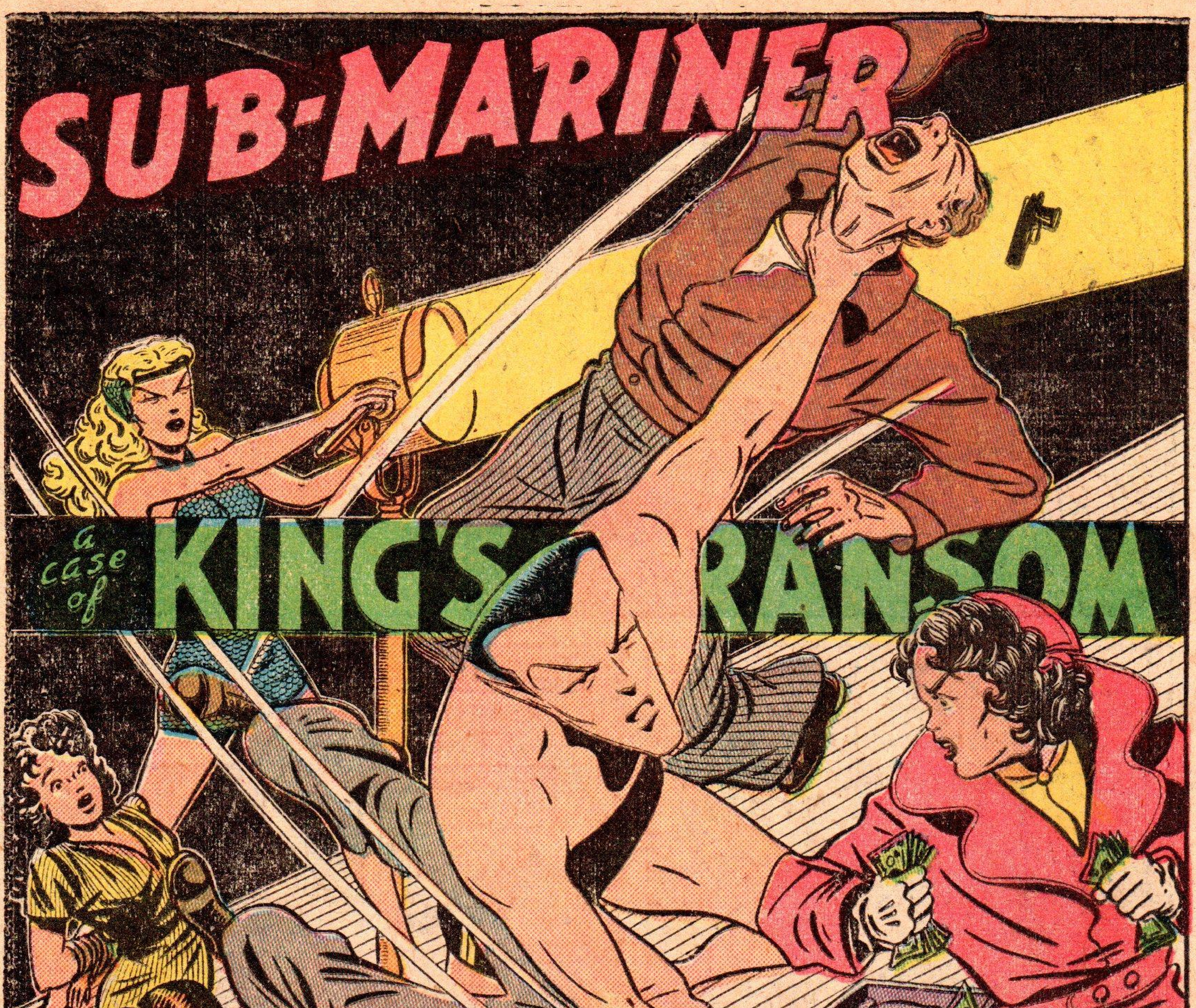
a case of KING'S RANSOM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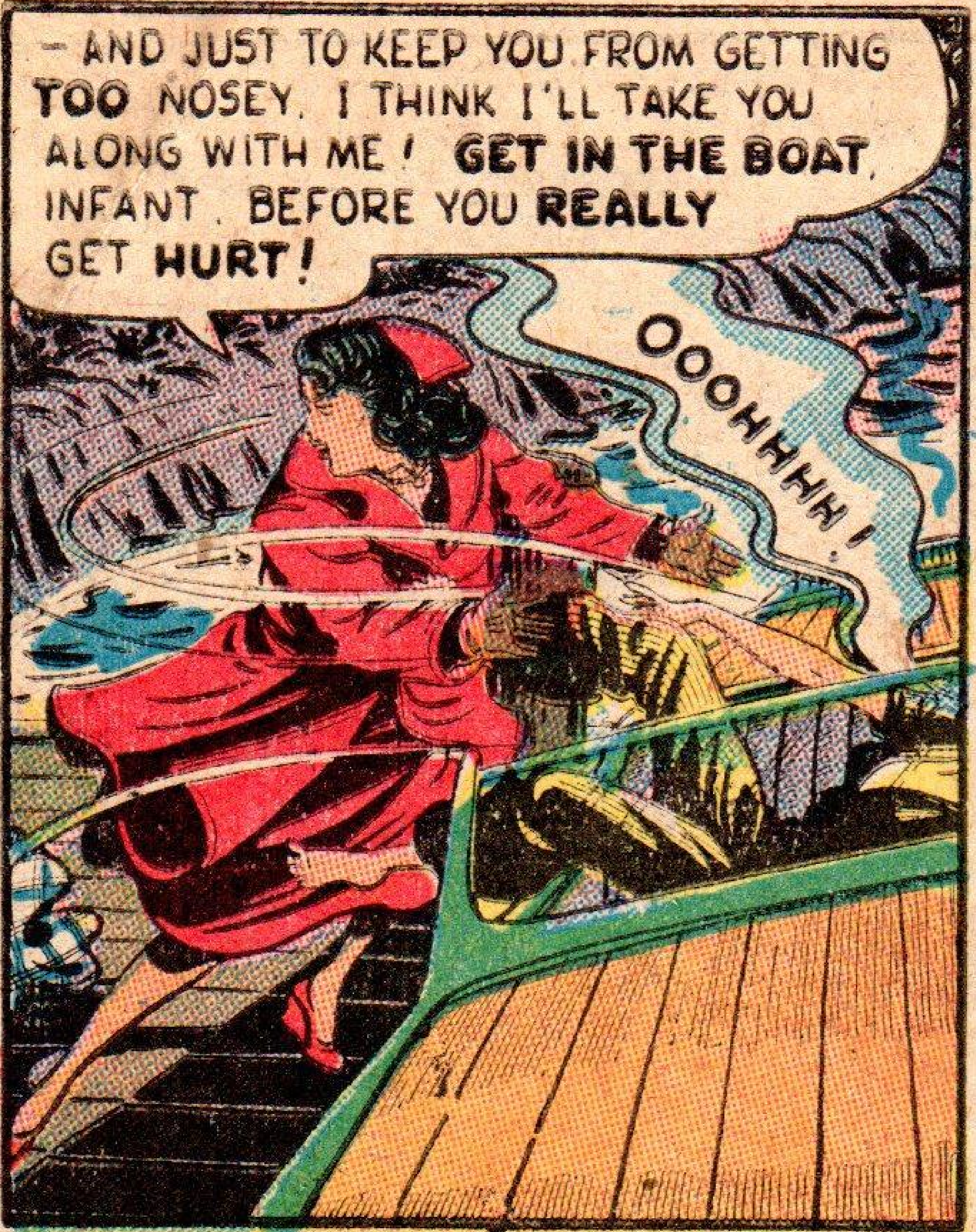
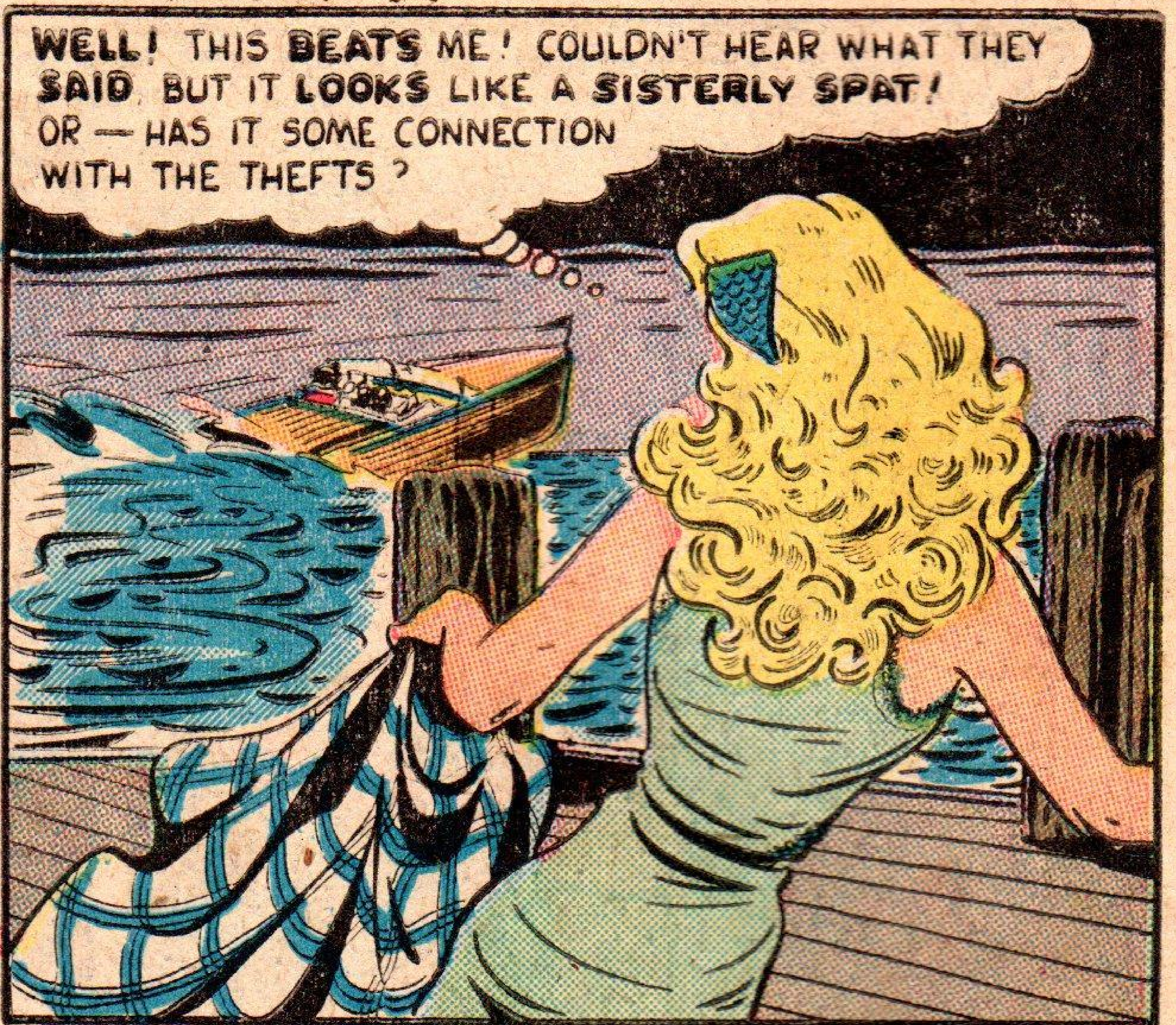
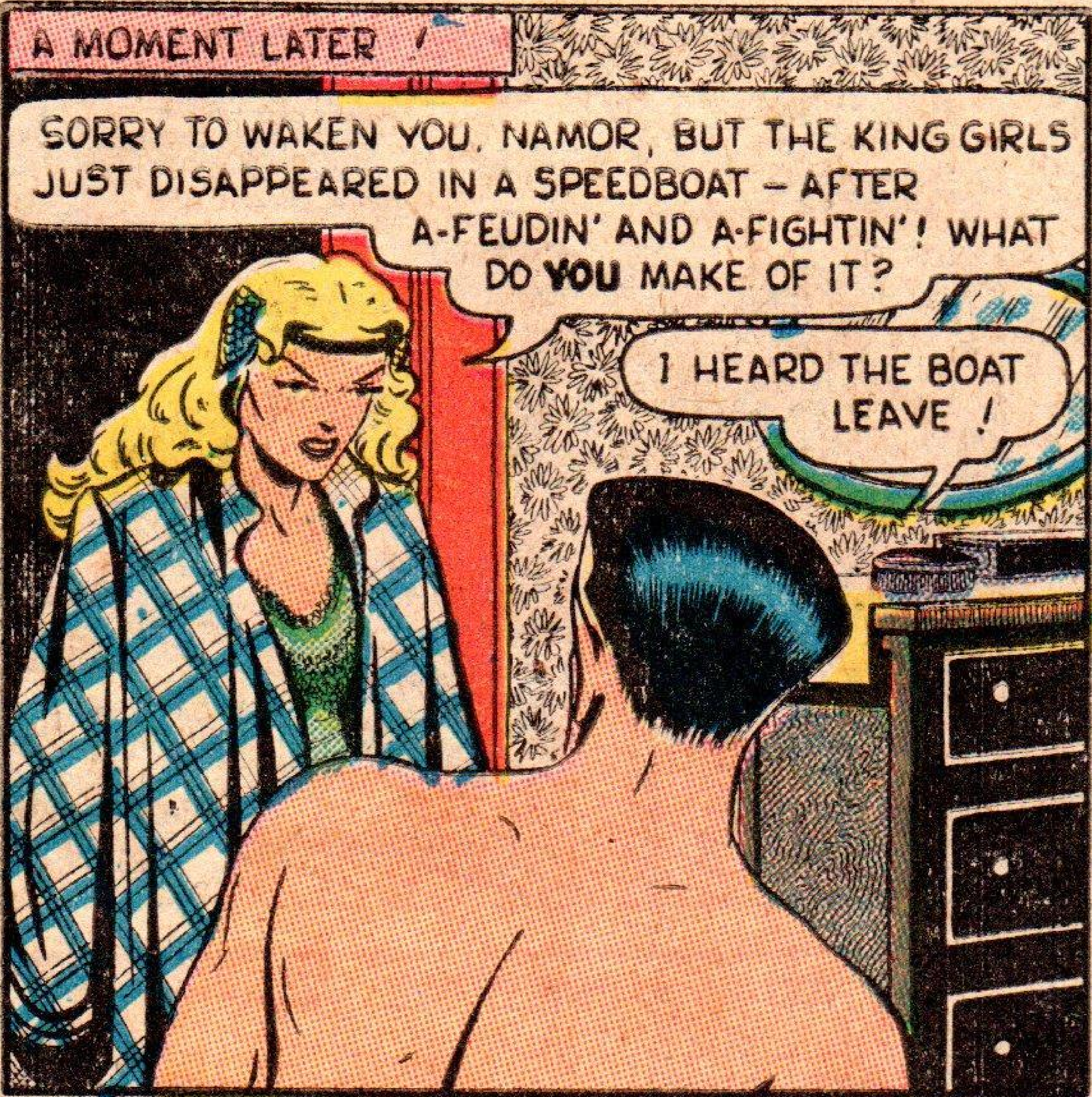
ON A TIP FROM BETTY DEAN, **NAMOR** AND **NAMORA** HIRE OUT AS **HOUSE SERVANTS** TO A WEALTHY ESTATE, IN THEIR SEARCH FOR A **SOLUTION** TO THE **MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF FAMILY HEIRLOOMS** AND **SILVERWARE** FROM THE FAMOUS **KING** MANSION — ONLY TO FIND THEMSELVES INVOLVED IN THE **MULTIPLE CRIMES** OF ***ROBBERY— KIDNAPING—*** *and* **MURDER!**

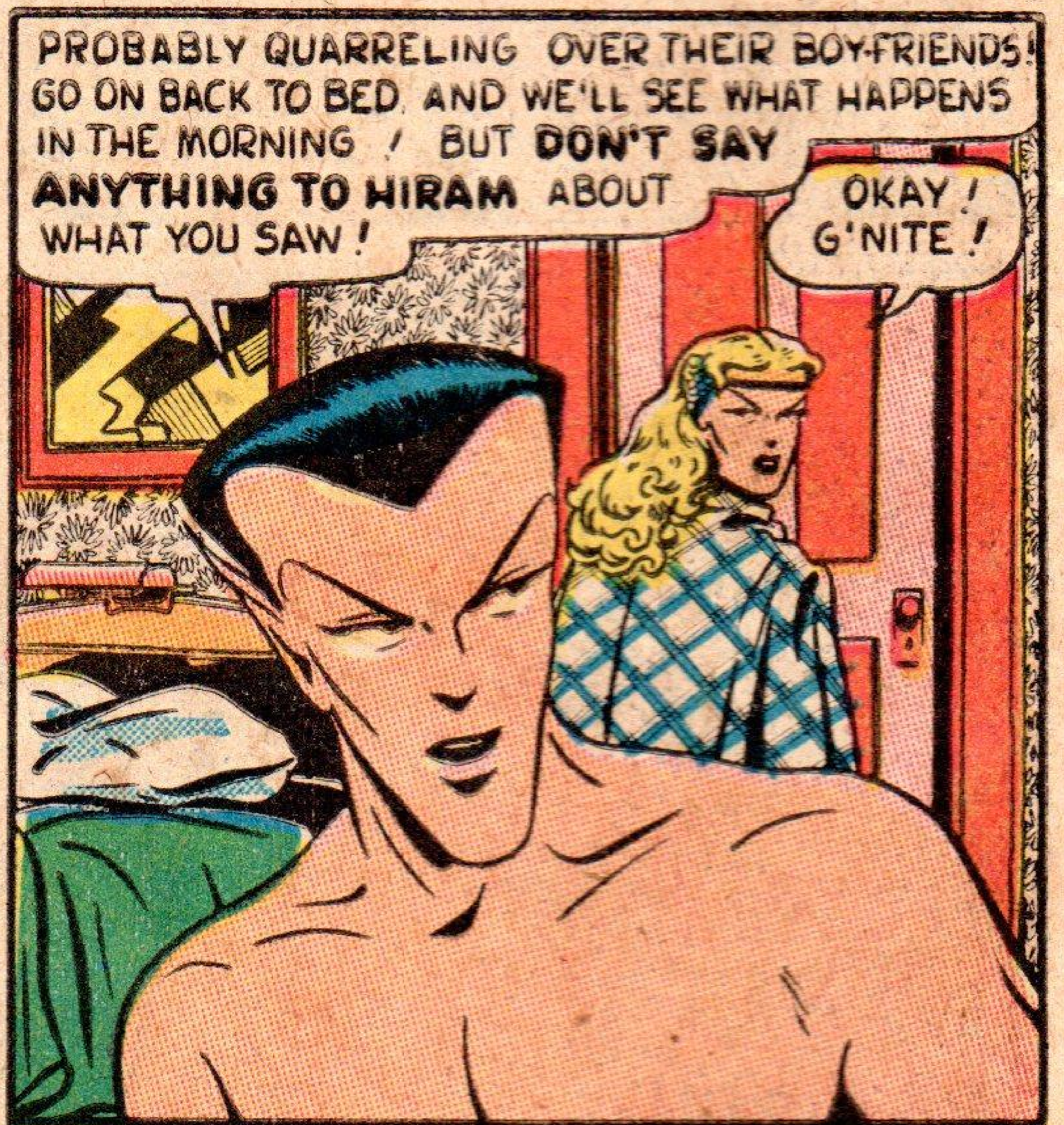
BETTY DEAN, NEWS REPORTER, CONSULTS THE SUB-MARINER ...
IT'S ABOUT THE HIRAM KING THEFTS, NAMOR! LOOKS LIKE AN INSIDE JOB TO ME!
YET, KING LIVES ALONE - WITH HIS TWO DAUGHTERS, KAREN AND BARBARA - IN A MANSION ON THE SOUTH SHORE! NO SERVANTS, BUT THE SILVER AND FAMILY JEWELS KEEP DISAPPEARING! THE POLICE ARE STUMPED! I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU COULD HELP!
SAY, NAMOR! WHY COULDN'T WE HIRE OUT TO KING AS SERVANTS? THAT'D PUT US ON THE INSIDE TRACK!
GOOD IDEA! I'LL EXPLAIN TO KING, AND WE'LL MEET AT HIS HOME TONIGHT!
LATER THAT EVENING ...
MR. KING, MEET YOUR NEW "DOMESTICS" - NAMOR AND NAMORA!
THANK YOU FOR OFFERING YOUR SERVICES! I'LL SHOW YOU TO YOUR ROOMS NOW! MY TWO GIRLS ARE ASLEEP!
SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT, NAMORA IS AWAKENED ...
"ASLEEP" HE SAID! BUT SOMEONE'S MOVING AROUND OUT IN THE HALL!
... AND FROM THE SOUND OF THOSE FOOTSTEPS, IT'S NOT MR. KING! QUIETLY NOW, NAMORA, M'GIRL!
IT'S KAREN! THE OLDER DAUGHTER! NOW WHERE WOULD SHE BE GOING AT THIS HOUR OF NIGHT? WONDER IF SHE KNOWS NAMOR AND I ARE WORKING HERE?

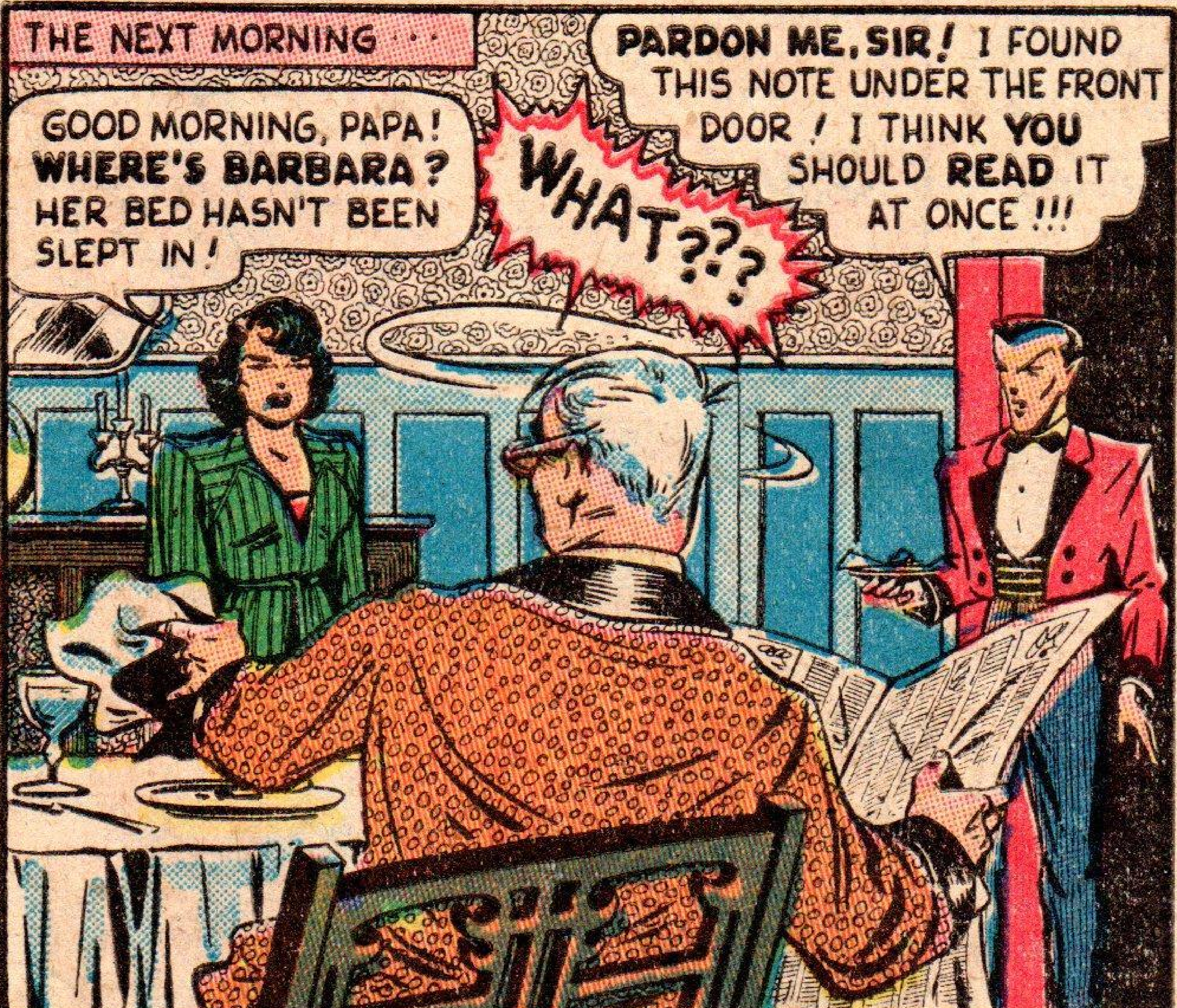
PROBABLY NOT, BUT — WHOA!!! HERE COMES BARBARA, THE YOUNG'UN! SAY, WHAT KIND OF A GAME IS THIS, ANYWAY???
SHE'S RUNNING TOWARD THE WATER — AFTER KAREN!
I'D BETTER GET A CLOSER LOOK!
KAREN! STOP! WAIT FOR ME!
HUH? BABS! HOW DID YOU — —?
WHAT DO YOU WANT, SIS?
OH, KAREN! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S STEALING OUR THINGS! I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU! WHAT'S IN THAT BAG??? OPEN IT, YOU — YOU THIEF!
WHY, YOU — YOU INQUISITIVE LITTLE BRAT! I'LL SHOW YOU!!!
OH!

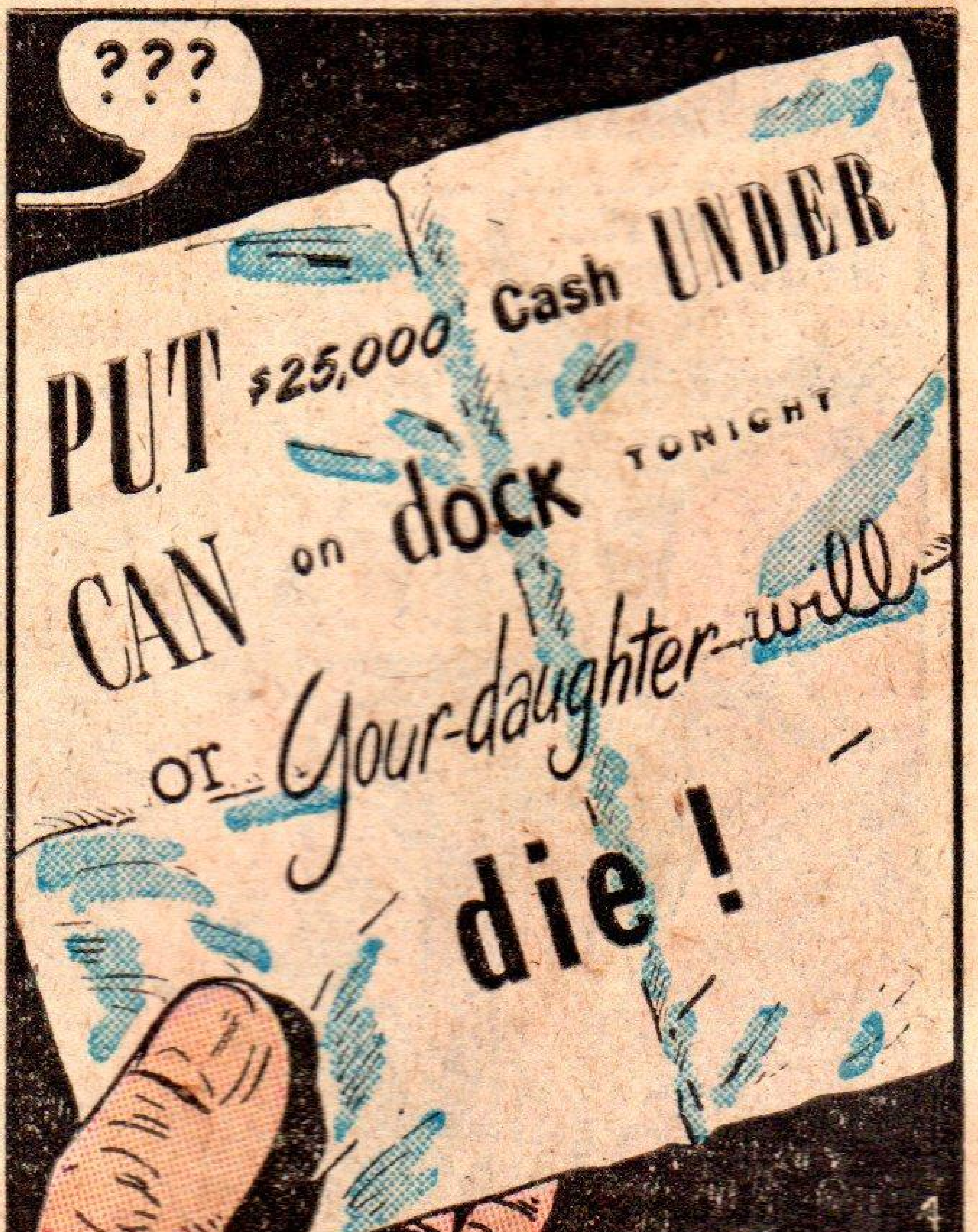

– AND JUST TO KEEP YOU FROM GETTING TOO NOSEY, I THINK I'LL TAKE YOU ALONG WITH ME! GET IN THE BOAT, INFANT, BEFORE YOU REALLY GET HURT!
OOOHHHH!


WELL! THIS BEATS ME! COULDN'T HEAR WHAT THEY SAID, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE A SISTERLY SPAT! OR — HAS IT SOME CONNECTION WITH THE THEFTS?


A MOMENT LATER!
SORRY TO WAKEN YOU, NAMOR, BUT THE KING GIRLS JUST DISAPPEARED IN A SPEEDBOAT – AFTER A-FEUDIN' AND A-FIGHTIN'! WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT?
I HEARD THE BOAT LEAVE!


PROBABLY QUARRELING OVER THEIR BOY-FRIENDS! GO ON BACK TO BED, AND WE'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS IN THE MORNING! BUT DON'T SAY ANYTHING TO HIRAM ABOUT WHAT YOU SAW!
OKAY! G'NITE!


THE NEXT MORNING...
GOOD MORNING, PAPA! WHERE'S BARBARA? HER BED HASN'T BEEN SLEPT IN!
WHAT???
PARDON ME, SIR! I FOUND THIS NOTE UNDER THE FRONT DOOR! I THINK YOU SHOULD READ IT AT ONCE!!!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PUT $25,000 Cash UNDER CAN on dock TONIGHT or Your-daughter-will die!

A RANSOM NOTE! BARBARA'S BEEN KIDNAPED!!! CALL THE POLICE!
HOLD IT, SIR! DROP THAT PHONE!!!
NAMOR! KAREN'S FAINTED!
TAKE HER UPSTAIRS! CALLING THE POLICE MAY BRING CERTAIN—AND SUDDEN—DEATH TO BARBARA, MR. KING! RELAX, NOW, AND LET ME HANDLE THIS!
LATER THAT NIGHT...
IT'S AFTER MIDNIGHT! KING AND KAREN HAVE GONE TO THEIR ROOMS, BUT I HEARD SOMEONE UPSTAIRS JUST BEFORE WE CAME OUT! I THINK WE'LL SEE SOME ACTION IN A FEW MINUTES!
THERE'S THE DINING ROOM WINDOW!
UH-HUH! AND THE BEAM OF A FLASHLIGHT! I WAS RIGHT! LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE AFTER THE SILVERWARE!
SSH-H-H! NAMOR! SOMEONE'S COMING!!!
YA READY? SAY, WOT'S DE IDEAR? DERE WASN'T NO DOUGH ON DE DOCK! I T'OUGHT YA SAID—
HEY! WHO'S IN DEM BUSHES???
HUH?
DUCK, NAMORA! HE'S GOT A GUN!
RUN FOR DE DOCK! I GOT A BOAT! I'LL BE WIT' YA AS SOON AS I KNOCK OFF DESE SNOOPERS!
BANG!

PRETTY NEAR GOT ME! BUT NOT QUITE! WHO CAME OUT THE WINDOW, NAMORA?
I COULDN'T SEE! BUT WE CAN FIND OUT BY FOLLOWING THEM! WE CAN OUTDISTANCE THEIR BOAT! COME ON! LET'S GO!!!
TEN MINUTES PASS, AND···
HERE'S DE "SHAMROCK"! PULL UP TO DE LADDER ON DE PORT SIDE!
···A SECOND LATER···
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN! THE "SHAMROCK" IS A GAMBLING-SHIP OWNED BY "SNAKE" WILSON, AN UNDERWORLD FENCE! WE'LL HAVE TO BE CAGEY ABOUT THIS!
THEY CAN'T SEE US CLIMBING UP THE ANCHOR-CHAIN! DO YOU THINK THEY'VE GOT BARBARA ON BOARD?
UNDOUBTEDLY! WILSON WILL DO ANYTHING FOR MONEY! — EASY, NOW!!! OUR TWO FRIENDS ARE GOING INTO THAT CABIN··· LET'S EAVESDROP!
SO! YOU BROUGHT MORE SILVERWARE! EXCELLENT! BUT WHERE IS THE TWENTY-FIVE GRAND? I CERTAINLY HOPE YOU ARE NOT ATTEMPTING A DOUBLE-CROSS, MY LITTLE CHUM! IT COULD BE DISASTROUS!!!
OH, NO!

NOBODY HOLDS OUT ON SNAKE WILSON, AND GETS AWAY WITH IT! I'D HATE TO HAVE ANYTHING ---
HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON OUTSIDE ???
I'LL HAVE A LOOK, BOSS !!!
SPIES !!! GRAB 'EM, SLUGGER !!!
UGH!
WELL-BLOW ME DOWN! DIS ONE'S A GOIL !!!
YIPE!
CRACK!
THAT GOT 'EM!
NO! DON'T—!!! UGH!
HOLD IT!
NICE WORK, MATES! STASH 'EM AWAY IN AN EMPTY CABIN! I'LL HAVE A LITTLE TALK WITH 'EM WHEN THEY COOL OFF!

MINUTES LATER, NAMOR AND NAMORA REVIVE — IN A LOCKED STATE-ROOM…
THIS IS A BREAK! THE PORT-HOLE'S UNSEALED! COME ON!
OUCH! MY HEAD! WELL, AT LEAST THEY DIDN'T THROW US IN A HOLD, OR A LOCKER!
THIS LEDGE IS NARROW—BE CAREFUL! THEY PUT US IN AN UNUSED PART OF THE SHIP, SO IT MAY BE THAT WE'LL FIND BARBARA IN ONE OF THESE OTHER STATEROOMS! HANG ON TO ME, SO YOU DON'T FALL!
WHAT LUCK! HERE'S A LIGHTED PORTHOLE, AND— THERE'S BARBARA!!! HELLO INSIDE! OPEN UP!
WHO'S THAT???
IT'S I — SUB-MARINER! I'M HERE TO GET YOU OUT OF THIS! NOW JUST HOLD ON AWHILE, AND STAND BY FOR ACTION! I'LL BE BACK!
GEE! AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!
YOUR MOVE, NAMORA! DIVE DOWN AND DISABLE THAT SPEEDBOAT! I'M GOING UP TO THE BRIDGE!
OKAY! MEET YOU THERE!
A MOMENT LATER…
SO SORRY, SAILOR-BOY! BUT I NEED PRIVACY!
WHUMPH!
NOW FOR A BRIEF SESSION WITH THE BLINKER-LIGHT! THERE'S A COAST-GUARD STATION DOWN THE LINE, OUGHT TO PICK UP MY SIGNAL - I HOPE!
CLICK-CLICK! CLICKETY-CLICK!

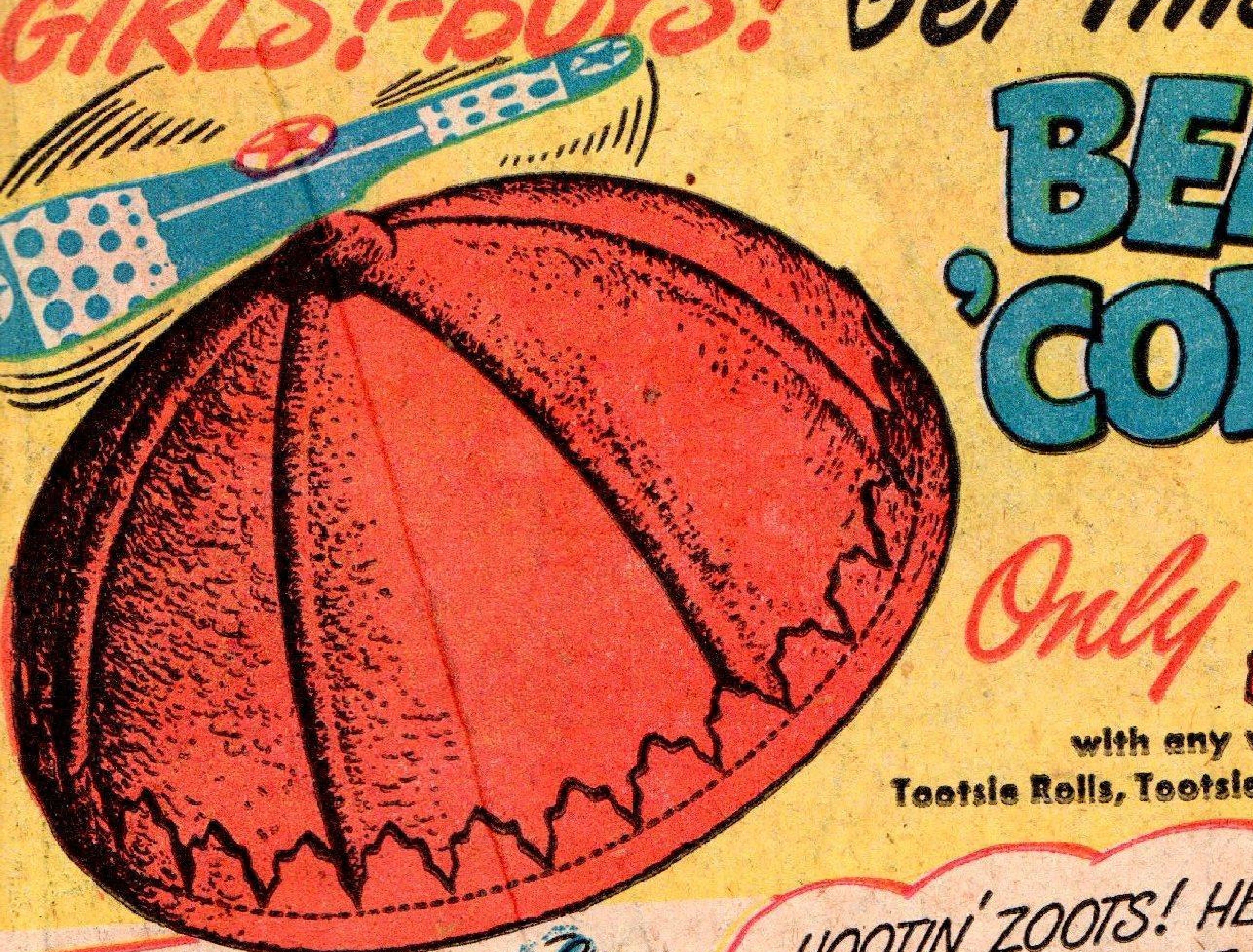
THE PUTT-PUTT'S CRIPPLED, NAMOR! WHAT LUCK HAVE YOU HAD?
I FLASHED AN S.O.S. TO THE LOCAL C.G.! BUT NO ANSWER!
SUDDENLY...
YIPE!
FOOLS! DID YOU THINK WE WOULDN'T SEE THE BEAM OF YOUR SIGNAL?
THIS TIME YOU'LL NOT GET OFF SO EASY! BIND THEM SECURELY, MEN! WE'LL HAVE A LITTLE FUN! GET THE SHIP UNDERWAY, AND PREPARE TO KEEL-HAUL OUR MEDDLESOME FRIENDS!!!
MOMENTS LATER...
I DON'T LIKE DIS, BOS'N! DERE'S SUMP'N FAMILIAR 'BOUT DESE TWO!
HAVE COURAGE, NAMORA... WE'LL GET OUT OF THIS SOMEHOW!
DERE DEY GO! LOOK AT 'EM BOUNCE!!!
HO! HO! LIKE TWO RUBBER BALLS ON THE END OF A STRING! DELIGHTFUL SPORT, WHAT?
YEOW! HELP! NAMOR! DO SOMETHING!!! MY... BACK... WILL BE... BROKEN!
MEANWHILE, BELOW-DECKS...
FOOD-BAH! IF DEY'RE GONNA BUMP 'ER OFF, WHY DO DEY BODDER WIT' FEEDIN' 'ER?

HERE'S YER — WHUP-PH!!! FAP!
HOME RUN! THESE BUNK SLATS COME IN HANDY! HEY-LOOKEE! HE'S GOT A BUTCHER KNIFE! WHAT LUCK!
WHAM!!!
OH-OH! PIRATE TRICKS-WITH SUB-MARINER FOR BAIT! NOW'S THE TIME FOR DIVERSION TACTICS!
BONG! BONG!
LOOK AT 'EM—HEY!
WOT'S DAT?
WHO IS IT?
DE BRAT—I T'INK!
IT CAN'T BE! SHE'S LOCKED UP BELOW!
IT'S TOO DARK TO SEE!
THAT GOT 'EM AWAY! AN' WHILE THEY'RE LOOKING FOR ME, I'LL JUST USE THE COOK'S KNIFE TO ···
··· PART THE TENDER HOLDING THE MOTORBOAT — CLIMB ABOARD — AND ···
··· AS THE BOAT DRIFTS BACKWARD, REACH OUT AN' CUT THE HAWSER THAT'S TOWING THE SUB-MARINER AND NAMORA! NOW —!!!
···TO CUT THE ROPES THAT BIND THEIR WRISTS AND ANKLES! HOLD TIGHT, FRIENDS! I'M COMING!!!

A MOMENT LATER...
THANKS, SWEETHEART! HOW DID YOU — ? HEY! HERE COMES A COAST GUARD CUTTER! THEY GOT MY SIGNAL! NOW, LET ME AT THIS SPOTLIGHT!!!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
GOT TO STOP THEM BEFORE THEY PASS US AND GET TOO CLOSE TO THE "SHAMROCK"!
AHOY THERE!!!
YOU IN THE BOAT — COME ALONGSIDE!
CAN'T! WE'RE DISABLED! THROW US A LINE!
IT'S THE SUB-MARINER! HERE YOU ARE, SIR! THE COMMANDER SAYS TO COME ABOARD!
QUICK, COMMANDER! OVERTAKE THAT YACHT!!! IT'S WILSON'S "SHAMROCK", AND I'VE GOT A CHARGE OF ROBBERY, KIDNAPING, AND ASSORTED MAYHEM AGAINST HIM!!!
WOW! FULL SPEED AHEAD, MISTER HARPER!!!
PUT A SHOT ACROSS HER BOW, MISTER JONES! AHOY, THE "SHAMROCK"! HEAVE TO, AND COME ALONGSIDE!!! GIVE 'EM ANOTHER ROUND, JONES!
WHAM!
OKAY! OKAY! WE SURRENDER!!!
MAKE FAST TO OUR PORT LINES, AND SEND YOUR MASTER AND OWNER ABOARD US! NO TRICKS, NOW, OR WE'LL SINK YOU!
SEND A BOARDING PARTY OVER, MR. HARPER!
WHAM!

ABOARD THE "SHAMROCK"...
SO! YOU DOUBLE-CROSSING CHEAT! I CAN BEAT THIS RAP, BUT YOU WON'T LIVE TO!
OOOOOH!
HEY!
A MOMENT LATER, BACK ON THE CUTTER...
HA-HA! SO YOU GOT AWAY, YOU BRAT! WELL, YOUR SISTER DIDN'T! SHE GOT WHAT WAS COMING TO HER!!!
YOU-YOU KILLED KAREN??? OOOH!
THEN IT WAS KAREN WHO WENT OUT THROUGH THE WINDOW! SHE WAS WILSON'S TOOL! NOW HE'S GOT A MURDER CHARGE TO FACE! RADIO ASHORE, AND HAVE HIRAM KING MEET US AT YOUR HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDER!
POOR MR. KING AND BARBARA! HOW COULD KAREN HAVE GOTTEN SO MIXED UP IN THIS?
RIGHT AWAY, SUB-MARINER!
HALF AN HOUR LATER, ON SHORE...
BARBARA! SUB-MARINER! GOOD GRIEF, WHAT HAPPENED??? WHERE'S KAREN?
KAREN'S DEAD, KING! KILLED BY A CROOK SHE WAS WORKING FOR! NOW, PERHAPS YOU CAN TELL US SOMETHING OF HER BACKGROUND?
OH, DADDY!
GREAT HEAVENS! I WAS AFRAID OF THIS! KAREN ACTUALLY WAS AN ADOPTED CHILD, WILLFUL AND HEADSTRONG! WE NEVER COULD CONTROL HER! SHE STARTED GETTING IN WITH THE WRONG PEOPLE WHILE SHE WAS STILL IN SCHOOL! I TRIED TO STRAIGHTEN HER OUT, BUT---
SHE KEPT GETTING WORSE AND WORSE! AND NOW THIS, THIS HORRIBLE END! I SUSPECTED HER, BUT REFUSED TO ADMIT IT! NOW I KNOW! WELL, YOU DID YOUR JOB, NAMOR, AND I---I---I SUPPOSE I SHOULD THANK YOU!
I'M SORRY, MR. KING — BUT WHAT HAS TO BE, HAS TO BE! IT'S JUST A SHAME THAT ALL YOUNG FOLKS DON'T REALIZE, WHILE THEY'RE STILL YOUNG, THAT CRIME, OF ANY SORT, DOES NOT PAY!!!
·THE END·

GIRLS!-BOYS! Get This New BEANIE 'COPTER



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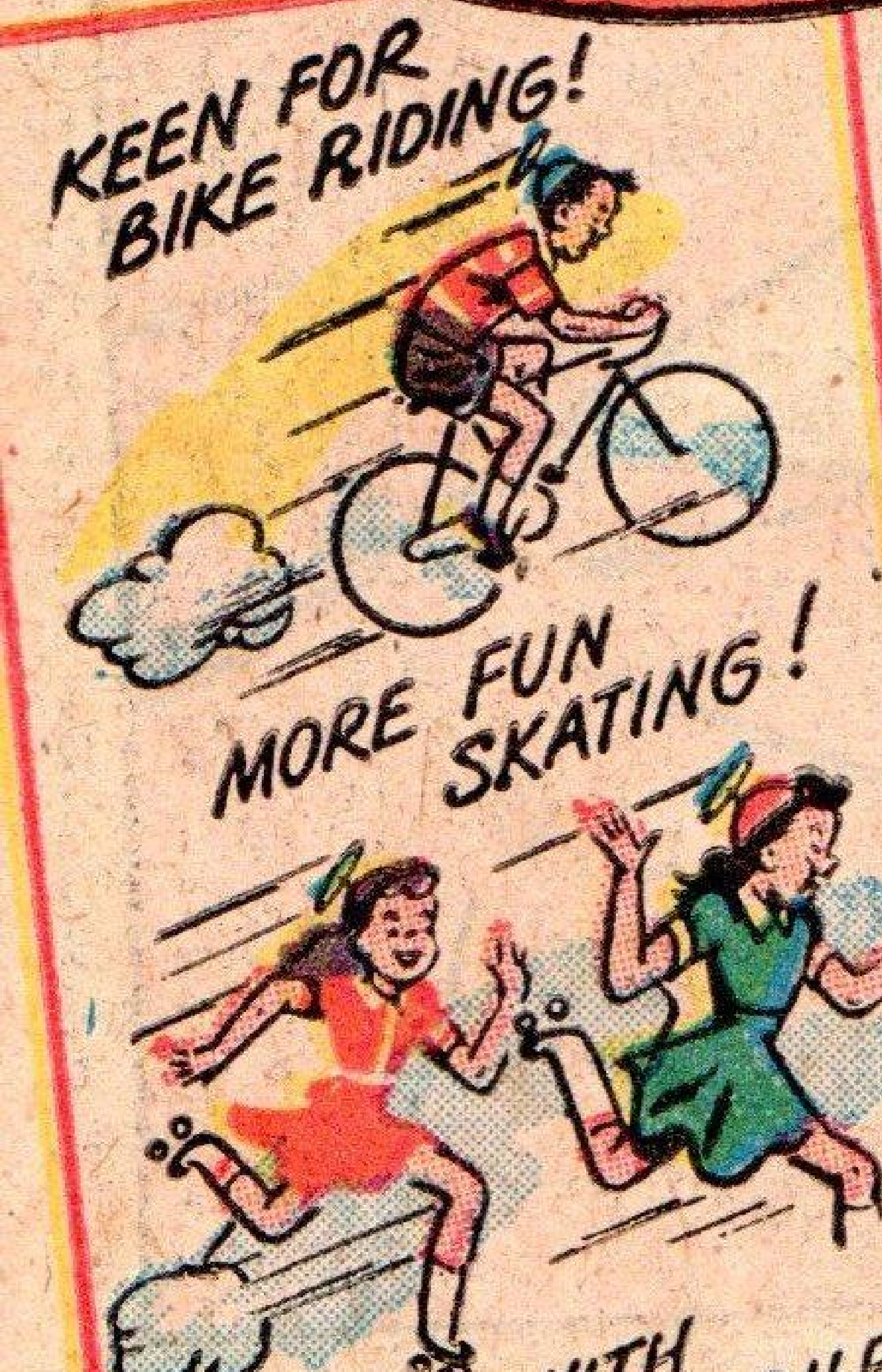
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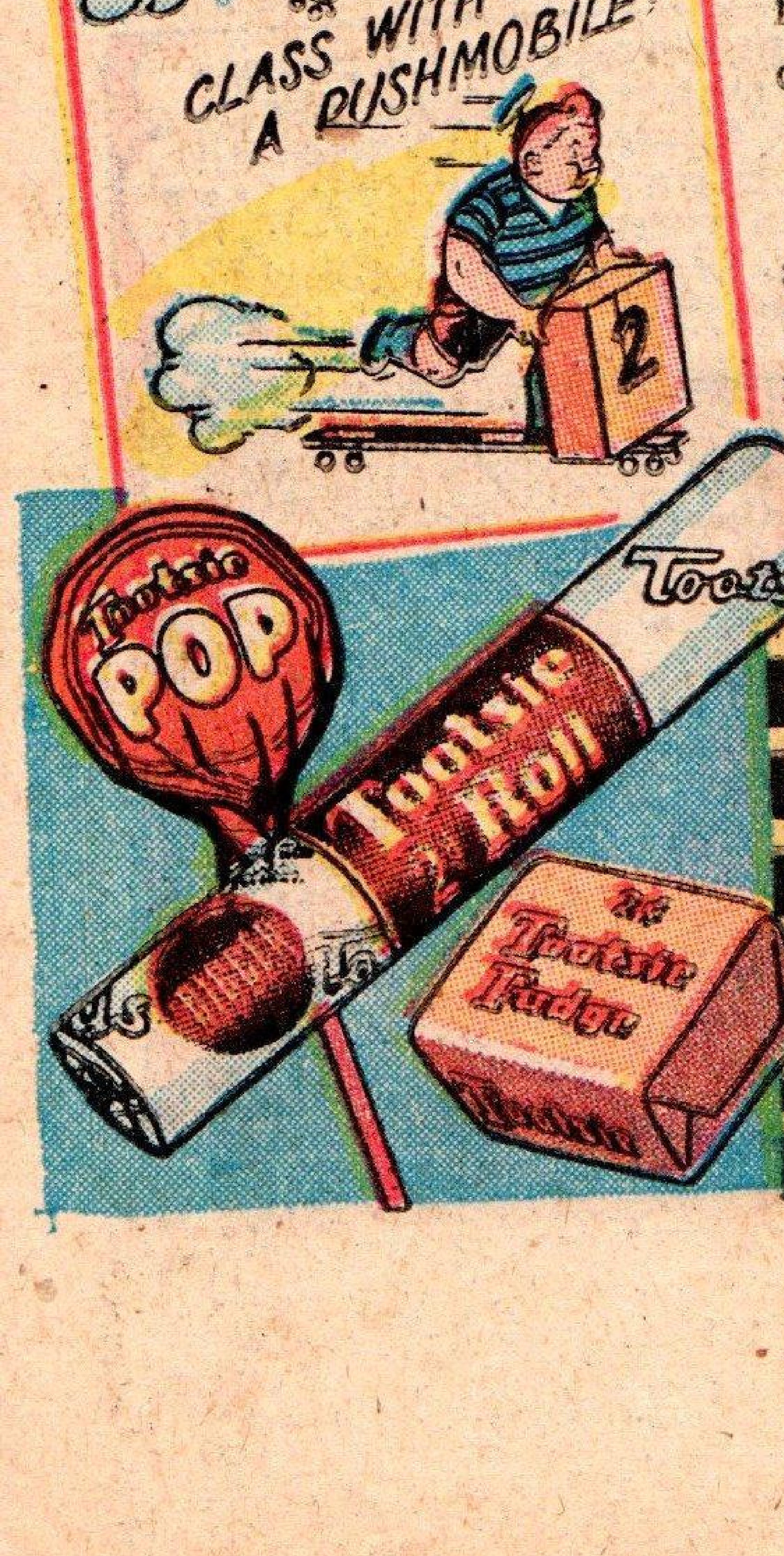
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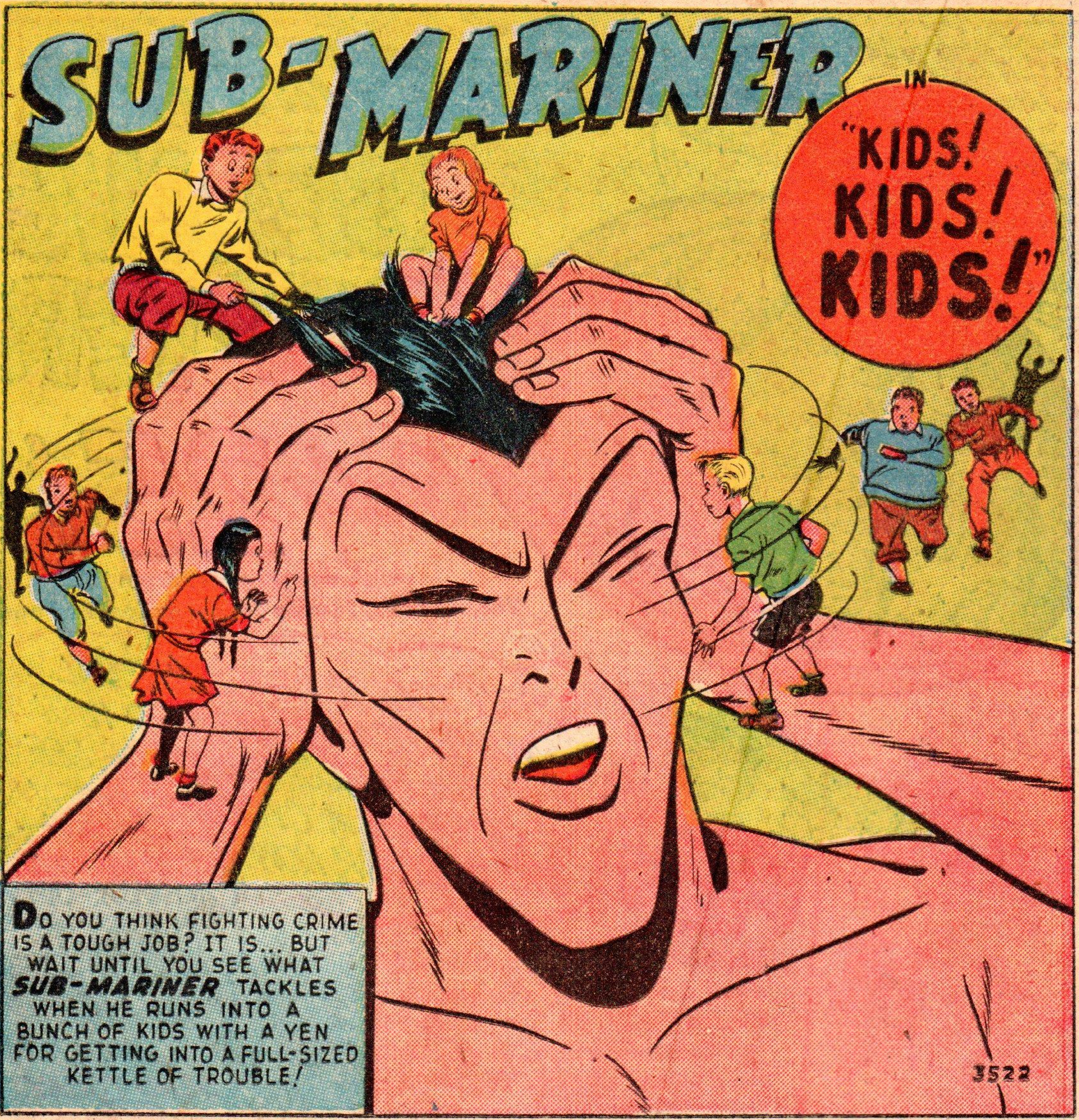
DO YOU THINK FIGHTING CRIME IS A TOUGH JOB? IT IS... BUT WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE WHAT **SUB-MARINER** TACKLES WHEN HE RUNS INTO A BUNCH OF KIDS WITH A YEN FOR GETTING INTO A FULL-SIZED KETTLE OF TROUBLE!
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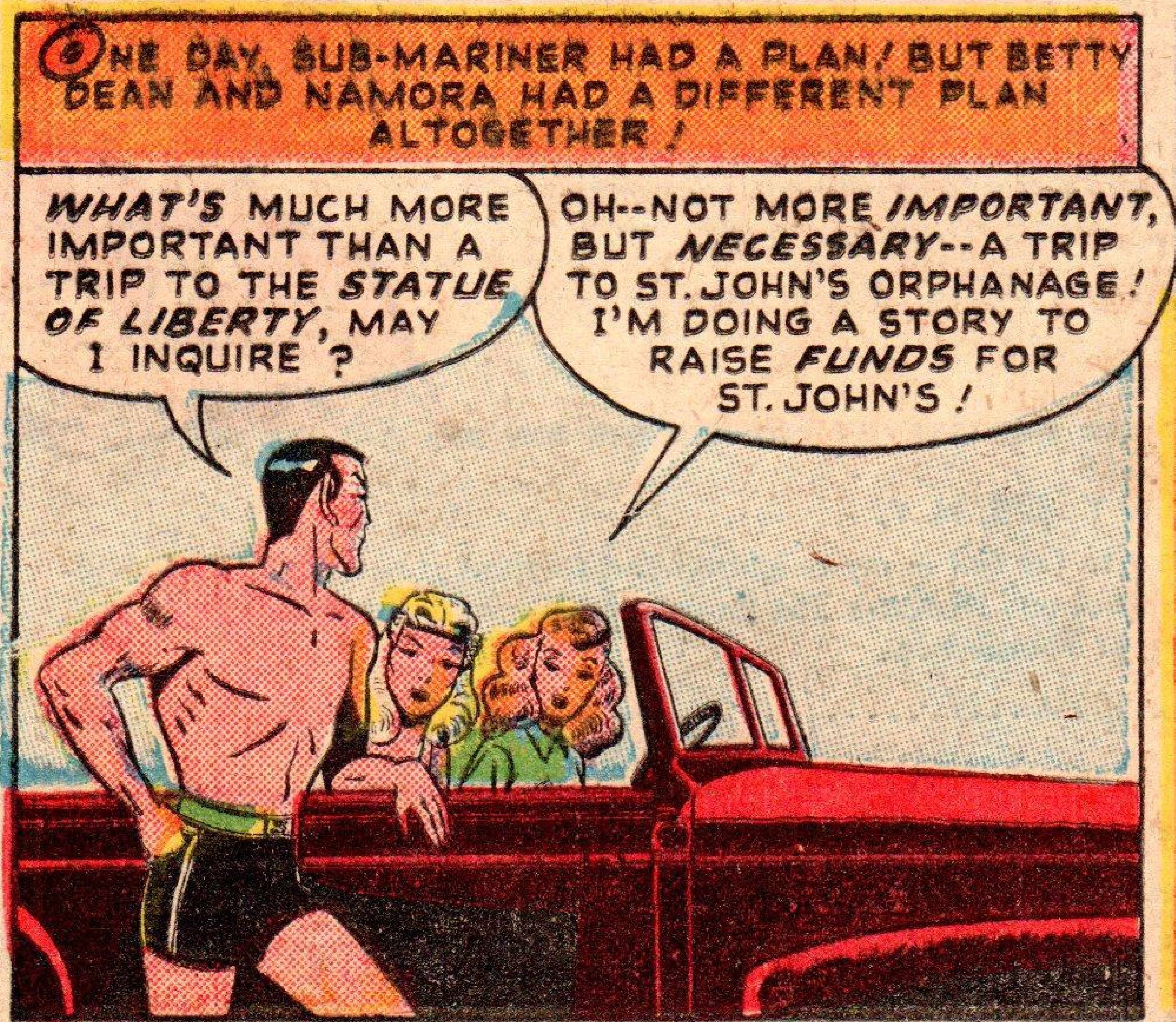
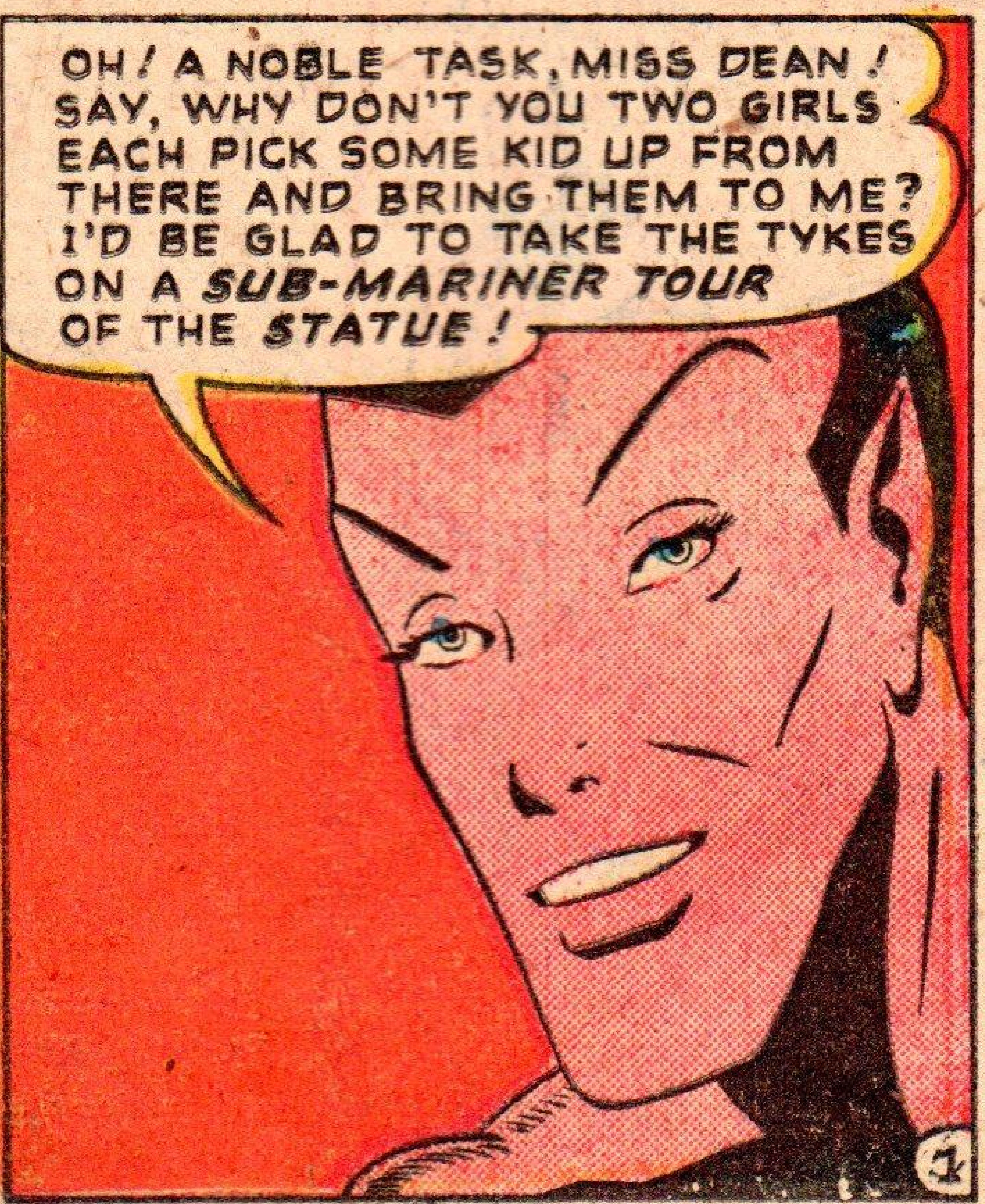

ONE DAY, SUB-MARINER HAD A PLAN! BUT BETTY DEAN AND NAMORA HAD A DIFFERENT PLAN ALTOGETHER!
WHAT'S MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN A TRIP TO THE *STATUE OF LIBERTY*, MAY I INQUIRE ?
OH--NOT MORE *IMPORTANT*, BUT *NECESSARY*--A TRIP TO ST. JOHN'S ORPHANAGE! I'M DOING A STORY TO RAISE *FUNDS* FOR ST. JOHN'S!


OH! A NOBLE TASK, MISS DEAN! SAY, WHY DON'T YOU TWO GIRLS EACH PICK SOME KID UP FROM THERE AND BRING THEM TO ME? I'D BE GLAD TO TAKE THE TYKES ON A *SUB-MARINER TOUR* OF THE *STATUE*!
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I'LL BE WAITING AT THE BEDLOE'S ISLAND FERRY FOR YOU! MAKE IT A BOY AND A GIRL! I *LOVE* KIDS!
MINUTES LATER, AT THE HOME...
GOSH, NAMORA! THEY ALL LOOK SO BRIGHT-EYED! I DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE TO *CHOOSE*!
ME, TOO!
SUPPOSE WE JUST TAKE... *BZZZ... BZZZ... BZZ!*
WONDERFUL! SUB-MARINER WILL *LIKE* THAT!
STILL LATER, AT THE BOWERY PIER...
WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE GIRLS? THE STATUE BOAT LEAVES IN... SILVER SALAMANDERS! HERE THEY COME! AND...
'RAY! SUB-MARINER!
I WANNA SHAKE HIS HAND!
GEE! IN DE *FLESH!*
WHAT HAPPENED? *SCHOOL* LET OUT?
HA! HA! NO, YOU GOOD-NATURED HUNK OF MAN! NAMORA AND I COULDN'T DECIDE WHICH TWO TO TAKE SO WE BROUGHT OVER AS MANY AS WE *COULD*!
YOU'RE IN CHARGE FROM HERE ON, NAMOR! WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE HOUSE!
WELL, CHILDREN, GRAB YOUR RATTLES AND LET'S GET GOING!

THE SHIP PULLS ALONGSIDE BEDLOE'S ISLAND AND DISCHARGES A STRANGE PASSENGER COMPLEMENT!
THERE IT IS, KIDDIES-- THE GRAND OLD LADY HERSELF! SHE'S BEEN STANDING THERE ALMOST SIXTY-THREE YEARS!
SHE'S 150 FEET ONE INCH HIGH AND... *HEY!*
IT'S FLIPPER AND RED FIGHTIN' AGAIN, MR. SUB-MARINER! THEY *ALWAYS* FIGHT!
I SAID TH' 'MERICANS PUT UP THE STATUE AND--OHH-HH, FLIPPER!
H-HELP!
THE TIDE'S CARRYING HIM OUT!
HELP! HELP!
AFTER A QUICK RESCUE OPERATION...
NOW, YOU TWO, SHAKE! YOU WERE BOTH RIGHT IN THAT ARGUMENT! THE FRENCH CONTRIBUTED $700,000 AND THE AMERICANS $300,000! *SATISFIED?*
YEAH! GEE, FLIPPER, I'M AWFUL SORRY! SHAKE! NO MORE FIGHTS!
WELL, LET'S GO INSIDE OUR LITTLE IRON LADY AND SEE WHAT MAKES HER TICK!
GOLLY! SHE'S EVER SO *BIG!*
IN THE HEAD OF THE STATUE OF LIBERTY...
LOOK, HONEY, YOU CAN SEE MANHATTAN'S SKY LINE FROM HERE! ISN'T IT *WONDERFUL?*
OHHH! IT'S *BEAUTIFUL*, MISTER SUB-MARINER!

HOURS LATER--ROLL CALL!
TWENTY-ONE, TWENTY-TWO.. ALL PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR! NOW WE GO BACK TO THE CITY AND A SURPRISE!
HOORAY! WE'RE GOING TO GET A SURPRISE!
SOME TIME LATER, AT BETTY DEAN'S APARTMENT...
THERE! THIS CAMPAIGN ARTICLE'S JUST ABOUT DONE, AND...
...AND SOMEONE'S AT THE DOOR!
WHEEE! S'GONNA BE A PARTY! 'RAY!
HI'YA! POP'S COME HOME WITH THE KIDS!
I JUST COULDN'T TAKE THEM BACK TO THE HOME UNTIL THEY'VE HAD A TREAT!
YOUR HEART GETS BIGGER BY THE HOUR, NAMOR! LOOK AT THOSE YOUNGSTERS GOBBLE UP THAT STUFF!
HEY LOOK-- I'M DANCING! HA!
IF YOUR PUBLIC COULD ONLY GET A LOOK AT YOU, NAMOR-- BUT IT'S FUN!
ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END, AND THIS IS IT! LET'S GO, GANG, BEFORE THEY SEND OUT SEARCH WARRANTS FROM THE HOME!
'BYE, MISS DEAN!
'BYE, MISS NAMORA!
HEY, YOU! SUB-MARINER! KEEP THOSE CHILDREN OFF THE STREETS! I SHOULD THINK A MAN WHO ENCOUNTERS CRIMINALS EVERY DAY COULD HANDLE A FEW CHILDREN!
HAVE A HEART, OFFICER! AFTER ALL, WHO DO YOU THINK I AM, CAPTAIN AMERICA?
THE END

SUB-MARINER QUIZ PAGE!

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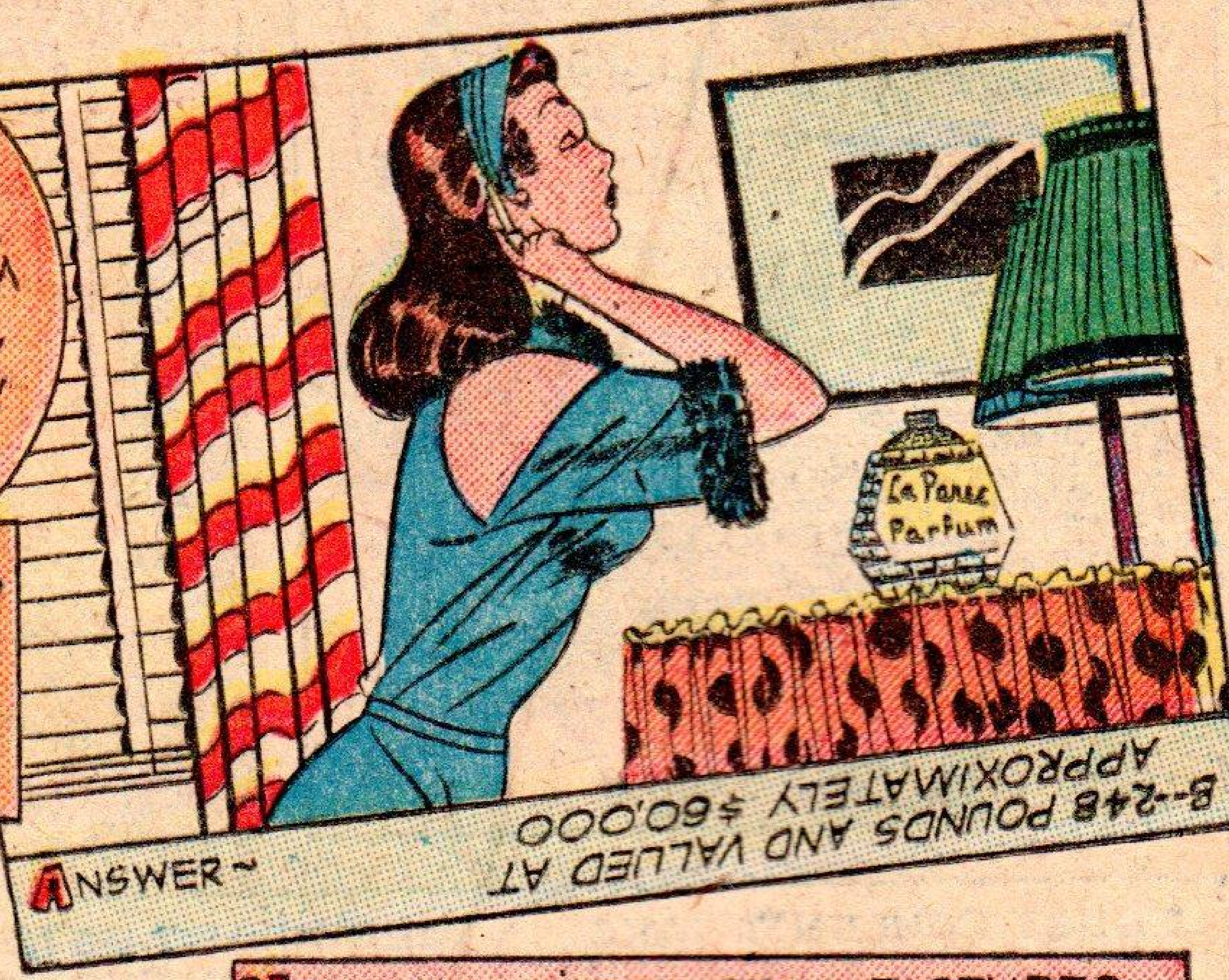
ON HIS MANY ADVENTURES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND ABROAD, SUB-MARINER HAS STORED AWAY A FUND OF FACTS PERTAINING TO WATER! IN HIS OWN ELEMENT, NAMOR IS A "WHIZ"! AND RIGHT HERE SUB-MARINER PUTS FORTH SOME OF HIS OWN FAVORITE QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO ANSWER! ALL ANSWERS ARE PRINTED UPSIDE DOWN UNDER THE QUESTIONS, SO DIVE INTO THE QUIZ POOL AND HAVE FUN!

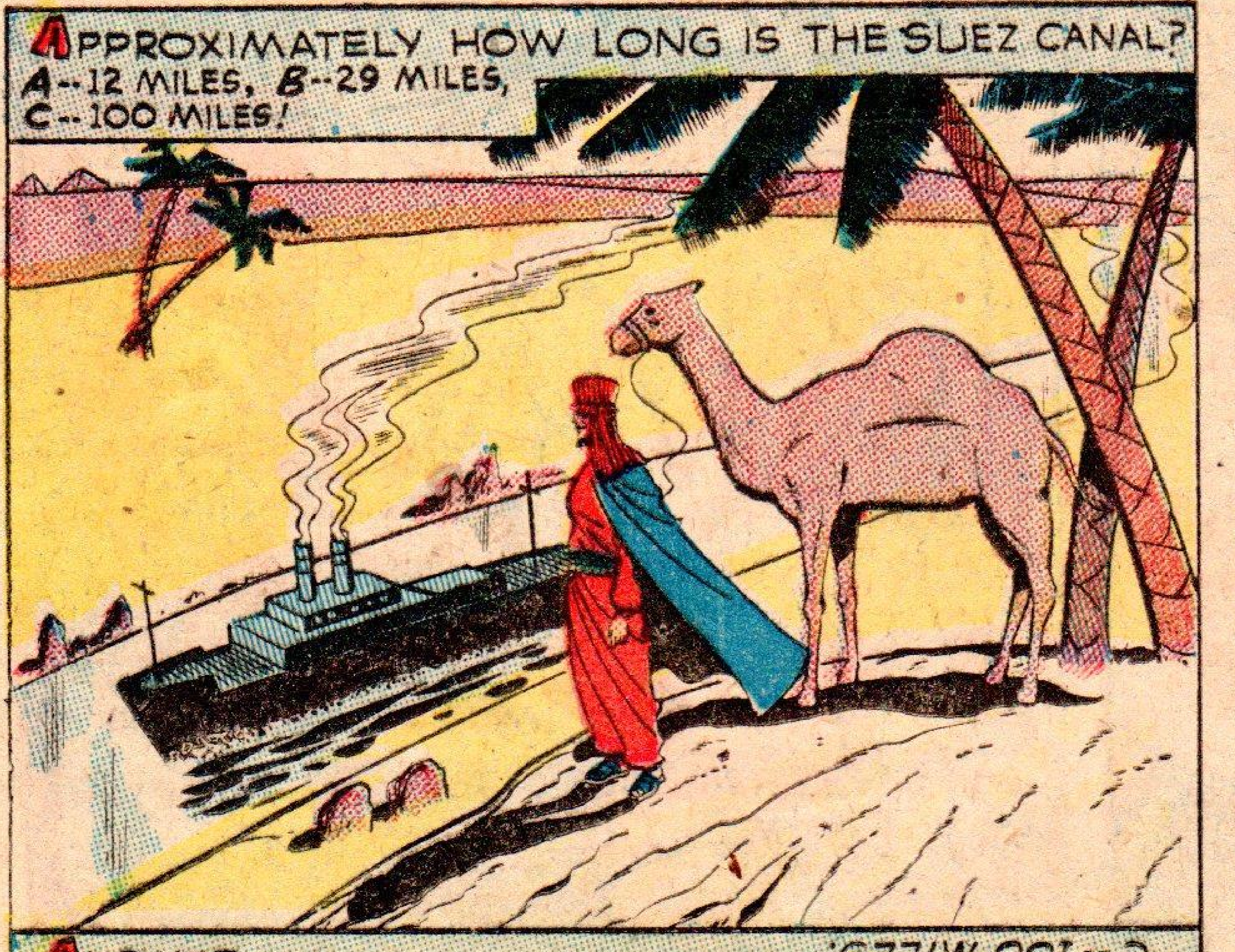
THIS YOUNG LADY IS USING A PERFUME MADE FROM AMBERGRIS, A SECRETION FROM SPERM WHALES WHICH IS USUALLY WASHED ASHORE! NOW, HOW HEAVY IS THE LARGEST PIECE OF AMBERGRIS THAT WAS EVER FOUND?

A - 132 POUNDS
B - 248 POUNDS
C - 18 POUNDS



ANSWER~ B--248 POUNDS AND VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY $60,000

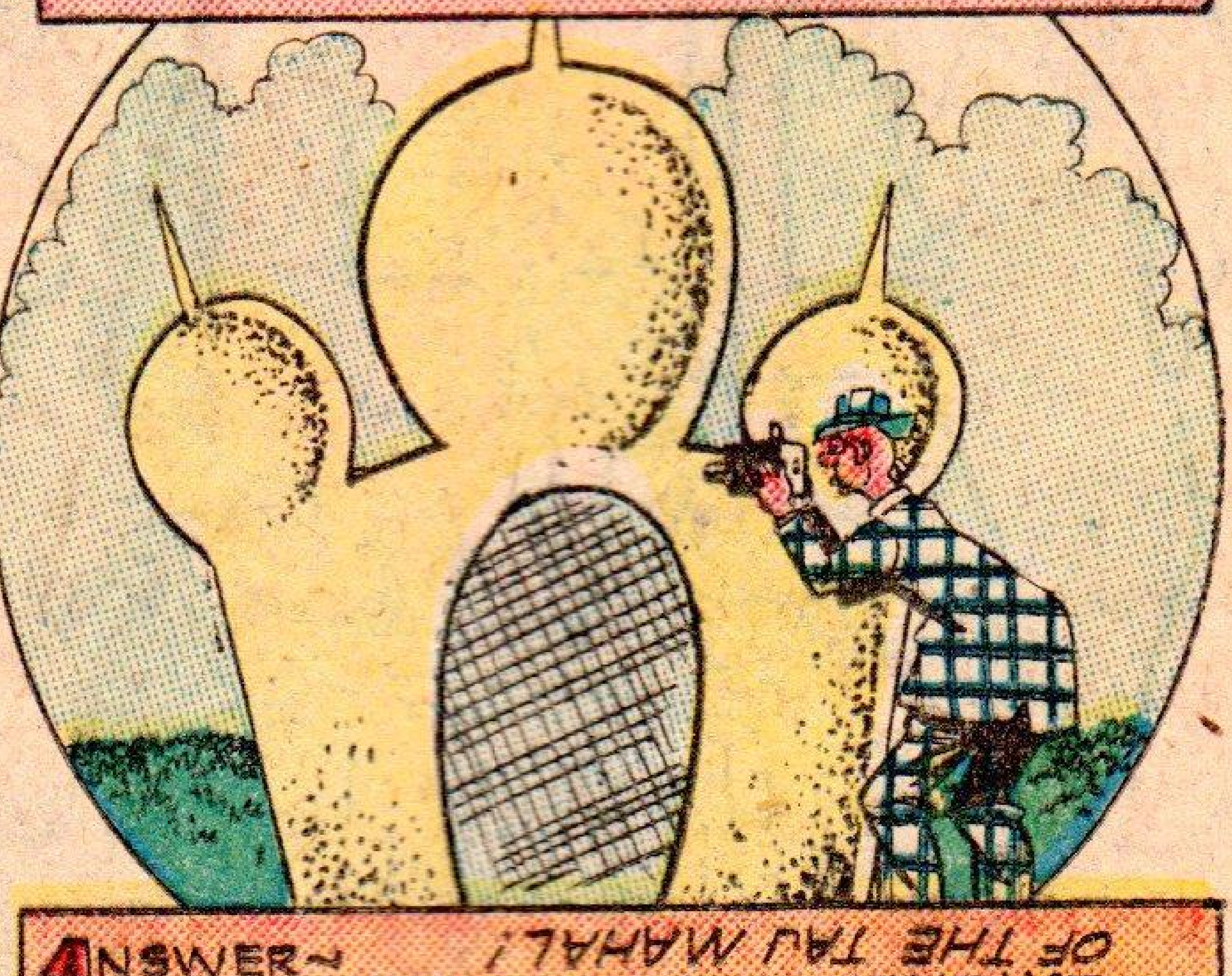
APPROXIMATELY HOW LONG IS THE SUEZ CANAL?
A--12 MILES, B--29 MILES, C--100 MILES!



ANSWER~ C--100 MILES!

YOU HAVE OFTEN SEEN PICTURES OF THE TAJ MAHAL BUILDING! NOW SUB-MARINER WOULD LIKE TO TEST YOUR MEMORY ~ IS THERE A POOL BEFORE THE BUILDING?

A - YES
B - NO



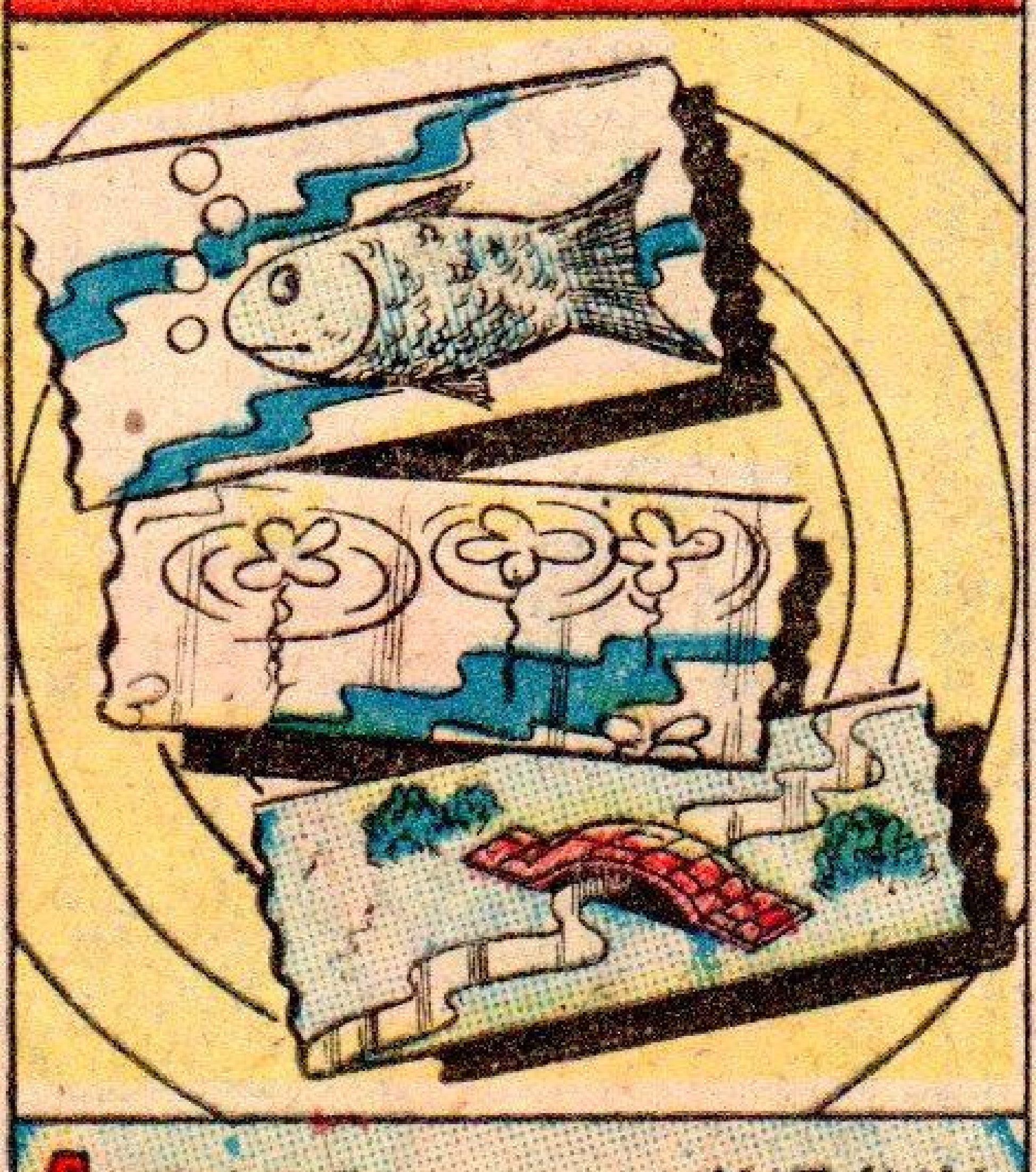
ANSWER~ A--THERE IS A SPLENDID POOL EXTENDING OUT IN FRONT OF THE TAJ MAHAL!

BELOW ARE NINE SUBJECTS! MOST OF THEM ARE RELATED IN SOME WAY TO WATER! UNDERLINE THOSE THAT ARE NOT!

1-ROD
2-ICEBERG
3-TENT
4-PIER
5-OYSTER
6-ENVELOPE
7-SQUID
8-OAR
9-LOCOMOTIVE

ANSWER~
TENT
ENVELOPE
LOCOMOTIVE

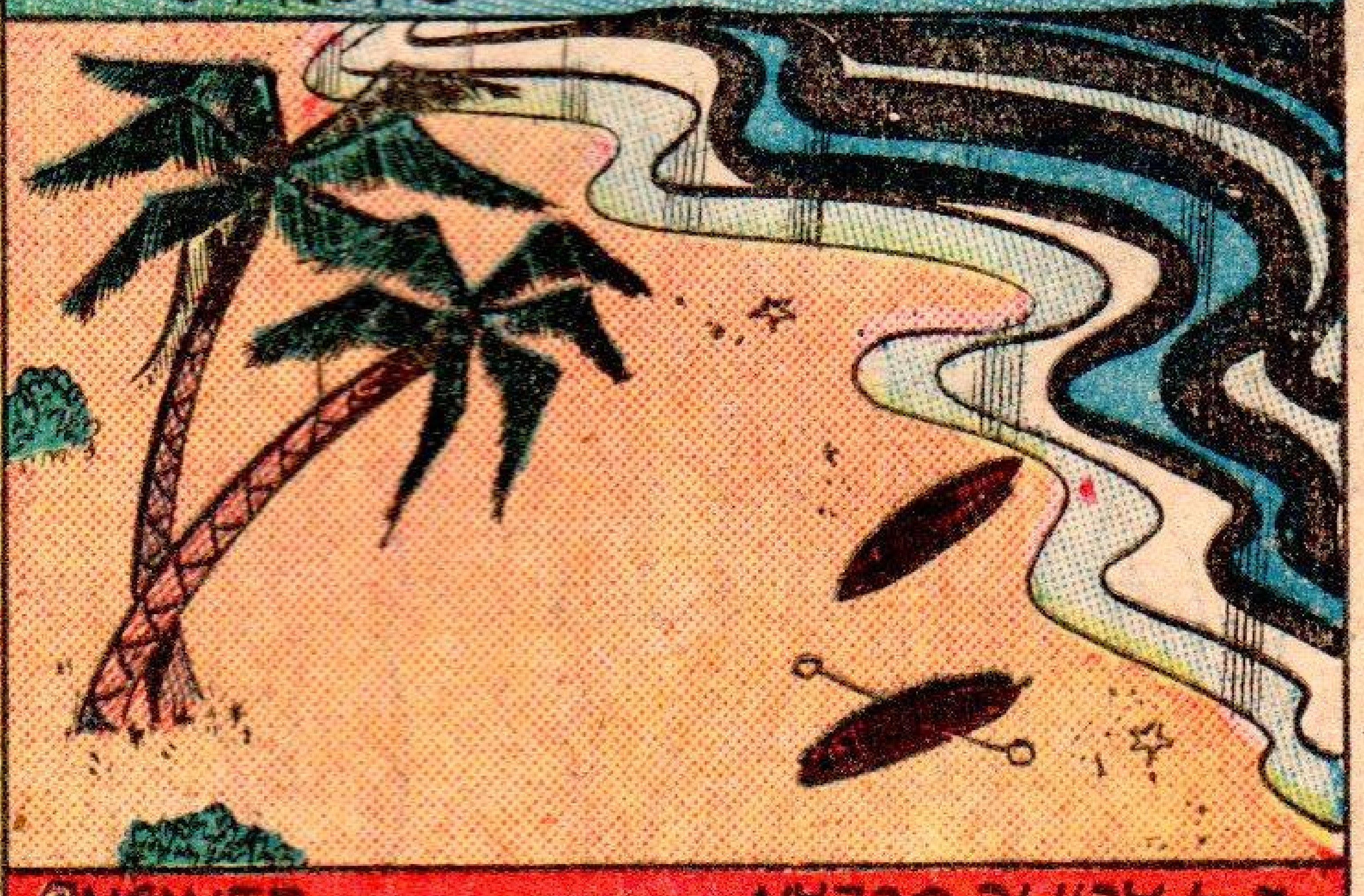
WHICH OF THESE THREE PICTURES WOULD DEPICT *WATER CRESS?*



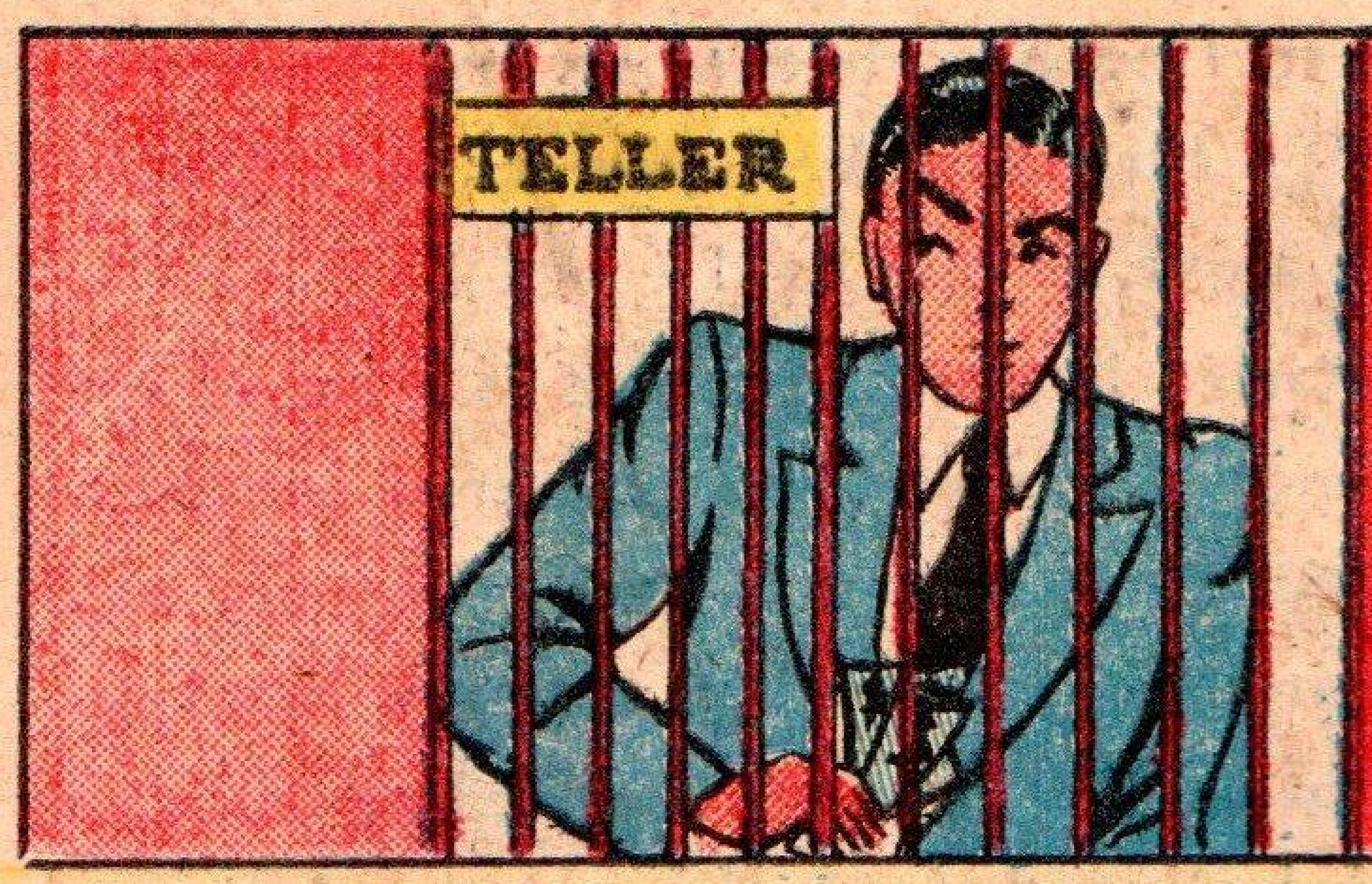
ANSWER~ NO. 2--WATER CRESS IS A SALAD VEGETABLE GROWN IN SHALLOW WATER!

LEGEND HAS TOLD US OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE LOST CONTINENT OF MU! IN WHICH OCEAN WAS THIS CONTINENT SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN SITUATED BEFORE IT DISAPPEARED UNDERWATER?

1-ATLANTIC
2-PACIFIC
3-ARCTIC
4-ANTARCTIC



ANSWER~ 2--PACIFIC OCEAN



IMAGINATION

IMAGINATION is a very curious thing, especially if it's strong enough. It can even kill people—like it almost did me.

First, let me tell you that I didn't have a very strong character in the past. I liked to live well and have a good time, and I was doing as well as I could on a bank cashier's salary. Then I began dating Mitzi, a gal who liked the best of everything the same way I did.

So I started taking small sums of money from the bank, intending, of course, to put it all back when my dream boat came in. But one day I found out that the bank examiners would be around in thirty days. Thirty days! That didn't give me much time, but I was sure Mitzi would think of something.

The next night, sitting in a club with her, I tried to explain it. "You've got to help me borrow some money right away, or I'll have to leave town," I said.

"Where do you think *I* can find money for you? Don't make me laugh!"

"But, Mitzi, the bank examiners will be here in thirty days. I've got to do something!"

"What's that got to do with me?"

I became angry then. "Where do you think I get all the money to take you out? All those theater tickets, these night clubs, the expensive places we eat?"

"You told me a rich uncle died and left everything to you."

"Don't be silly. I took it from the bank. And now you've got to help me!"

She laughed in my face. "I didn't tell you to take the money. So long, it was nice knowing you!"

And she got up and walked out on me. It was a real slap in the face, and it sort of put me on the skids mentally.

I went home and sat in my darkened living room a long time just staring at nothing. No Mitzi, no money, no nothing. Just disaster and a long, long jail sentence facing me in thirty days.

Suddenly I knew what I had to do. It was a coward's way out, but at the time I was in a terribly depressed mental state, and it seemed the only way. I was going to end it all!

But somehow it wouldn't work. I thought of everything—a gun, poison, hanging, throwing myself out the window, but it was no use. I just couldn't make myself do it, I was too much of a coward.

Then I had an idea. I'd heard stories of hired assassins, and all I needed was to find one. But how? I no more knew how to go about such a thing than how to fly to the moon. But I *did* know that somewhere in this city was a man who would kill anybody if the price were right, and I was going to find him.

I began with the bars. I tramped from one bar to another until the very sight of a glass made me sick, but I couldn't find anything out because I didn't know whom to ask. I went lower and lower in my search—dive after dive, old stuffy rooming houses, grimy pool halls, and finally along the waterfront I found the answer from an old wharf rat.

"You'll find the man you're looking for at this address," he croaked, handing me a ragged piece of paper.

Thanking him, I gave him ten dollars and left. Once at the address, I was agreeably surprised. It was a swanky apartment building, a far cry from the type of place I expected to find.

I knocked at the correct apartment door, and it was opened by a pleasant faced, matronly looking woman. I told her whom I wanted to see, and she smiled, "Oh, you want to see my husband."

He wasn't the type of person I expected, but by then I wasn't sure what type of person I had expected to see—the killer type, I suppose. Instead he was a rather plump, round faced, good-humored looking individual. He had light brown eyes and straight blond hair, and looked strangely like a successful traveling salesman.

"You wanted to see me?" he asked.

"Yes. I had a tough time finding you," I said, "but I think it's going to be worth it."

He smiled pleasantly, but then I detected something cold and icelike beneath his suave exterior. "It's going to cost you five thousand dollars for the job. And my wife doesn't know the sort of business I conduct so I'll expect you to keep quiet on that score."

I dug into my wallet and gave him five thousand dollars which was part of the money I had taken from the bank.

"I'll need a picture of the man and his address," he said.

"The man is me," I said.

"You!" For the first time he seemed surprised; then, quickly recovering, he agreed to my request.

"It must happen within the next twenty-eight days," I continued, "and I don't want to know who's to do it or how it's to happen."

We shook hands, he assured me I had nothing to worry about, and I left. That visit took a great load off my mind.

But then my luck suddenly changed. I got a letter from an attorney out west with a staggering check enclosed. *A rich uncle of mine, one that I hardly knew, had died and left me his entire fortune!* And I met Jean, small, blonde and lovely, and fell in love with her. So I replaced the bank's money without anyone's knowing and hurried back to the assassin's apartment.

He was gone! The rental agent told me he'd moved out the day before, address unknown. What was I to do? Here I was, *with every reason to live now,* and somewhere out in the city was a hired, methodical maniac trying his best to kill me. I had to find him, had to let him know the deal was off! He could keep the money, if only he'd let me alone, let me live!

Things started happening to me as I began my search through the city. Death hovered constantly at my elbow, and I knew it was looking for me. I was crossing the street when a heavy hand almost pushed me in front of a speeding taxi; in the subway I tripped down the stairs and almost rolled off the platform onto the tracks; a heavy piece of stone cornice fell from a building, narrowly missing my head—things like that can't all be accidents!

But apparently the assassin had vanished as if the earth had somehow opened and swallowed him.

On the twenty-eighth day I was driving from my apartment to the bank when I realized I was being followed. I stepped on the accelerator, frantically trying to get away. The car behind followed relentlessly. Too late I saw the driver trying to cross in front of me, and savagely I twisted the wheel. I missed him, but not the building on the corner. As I hit, blackness rose up and engulfed me as though I had fallen into a pool of jet-black ink.

. . . When I recovered consciousness in the hospital, I found that I was completely encased in a cast, unable to move a finger. I lay there for a long time thinking things out when suddenly I saw the doorknob move, and the door silently began to open . . . slowly . . .

Terrified, my heart pounding madly, I watched. It was the assassin, I knew it! . . . Then I saw who it was. His wife. She smiled at me.

"I've been trying to find you for days. I was following you when you had that horrible accident." She tossed an envelope onto the bed.

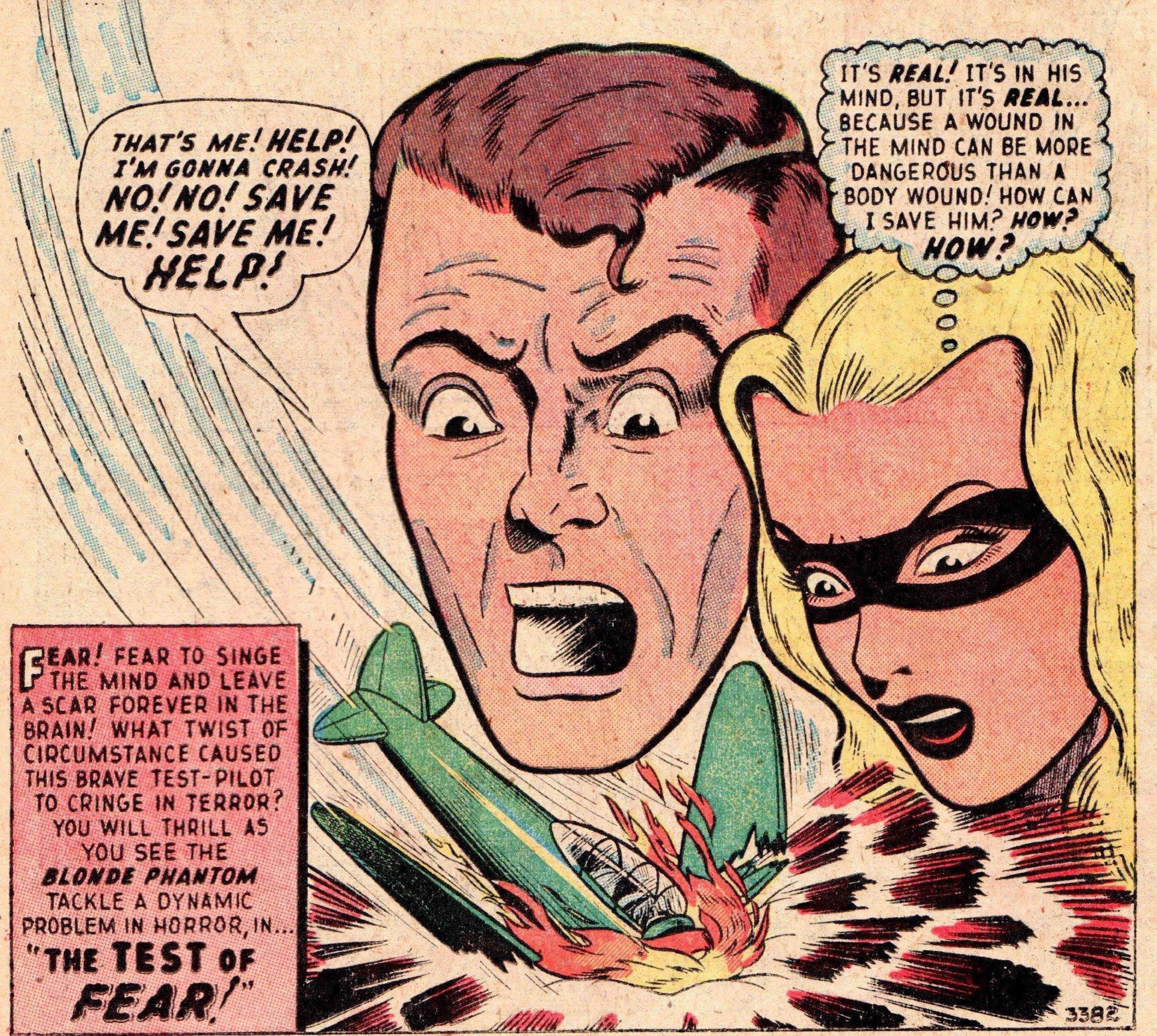
Still I could not speak. He had sent her to do his terrible work! And I was helpless!

"I don't know what kind of business deal you arranged with my husband," she said, "but I want to return this money. He was killed in an automobile accident the day after you left!" . . .

As I said, imagination is a curious thing; it can even kill you, like it almost did me.

THE END

BLONDE PHANTOM


THAT'S ME! HELP! I'M GONNA CRASH! NO! NO! SAVE ME! SAVE ME! HELP!
IT'S REAL! IT'S IN HIS MIND, BUT IT'S REAL... BECAUSE A WOUND IN THE MIND CAN BE MORE DANGEROUS THAN A BODY WOUND! HOW CAN I SAVE HIM? HOW? HOW?
FEAR! FEAR TO SINGE THE MIND AND LEAVE A SCAR FOREVER IN THE BRAIN! WHAT TWIST OF CIRCUMSTANCE CAUSED THIS BRAVE TEST-PILOT TO CRINGE IN TERROR? YOU WILL THRILL AS YOU SEE THE BLONDE PHANTOM TACKLE A DYNAMIC PROBLEM IN HORROR, IN... "THE TEST OF FEAR!"
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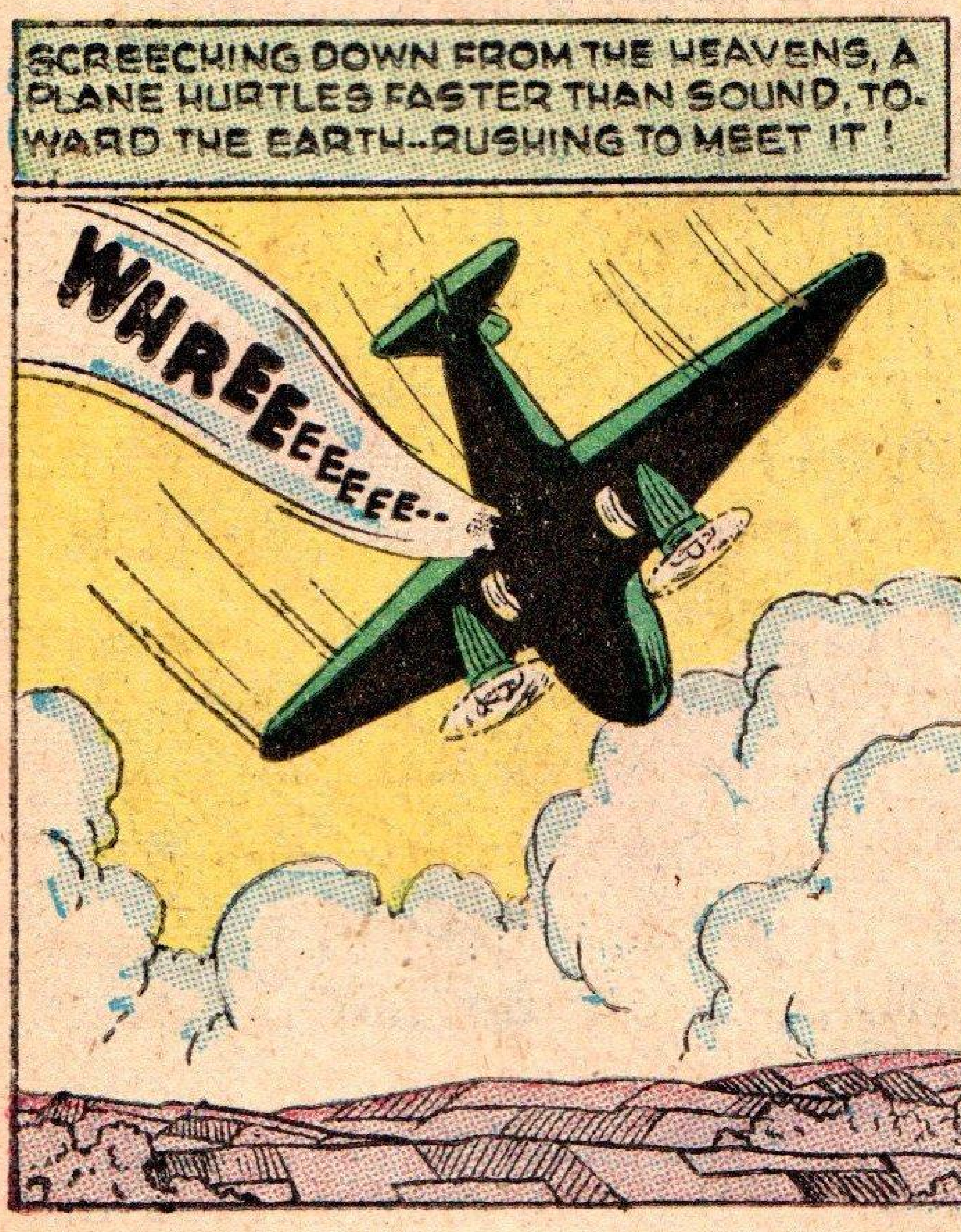
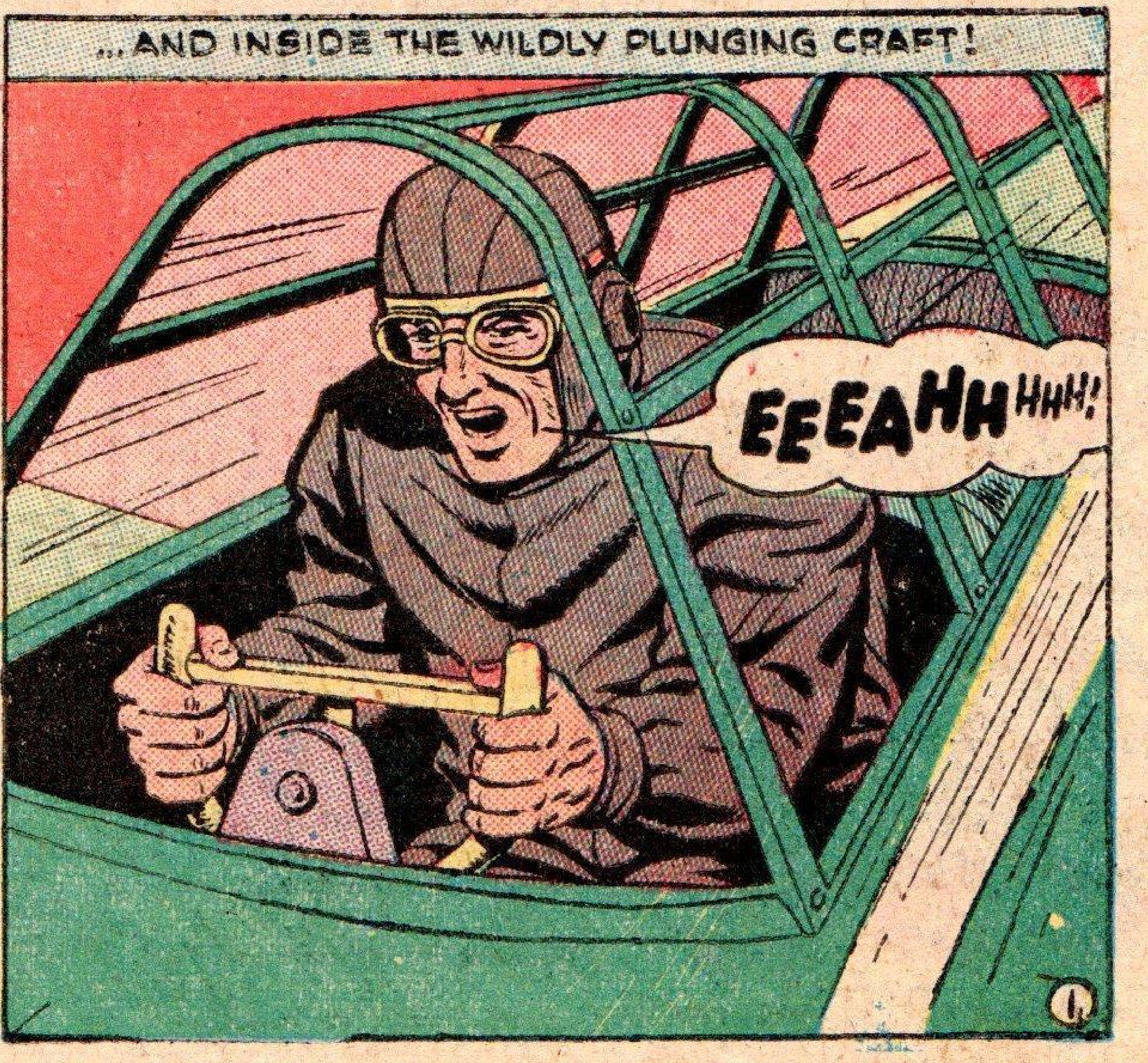

SCREECHING DOWN FROM THE HEAVENS, A PLANE HURTLES FASTER THAN SOUND, TOWARD THE EARTH--RUSHING TO MEET IT!
WHREEEEEEEE..


...AND INSIDE THE WILDLY PLUNGING CRAFT!
EEEAHHHHH!

HAD TO SCREAM TO RELIEVE PRESSURE DURING A 9G DIVE! BUT, THE PLANE IS REACTING MUDDILY TO THE CONTROLS!
ON THE AIRFIELD, LOUISE GRANT WATCHES ANXIOUSLY...
HE WON'T MAKE IT! HE'LL *NEVER* PULL OUT IN TIME!
THERE'S LIKELY TO BE A CRACKUP! AND THAT CALLS FOR THE *BLONDE PHANTOM!*
WHAT A PILOT THAT BOY IS! HE'S *STILL* WRESTLING WITH THE CONTROLS!
OH, HOW I HOPE THAT POOR BOY'S ALL RIGHT!
HE'S STILL ALIVE! NOW, TO GET HIM OUT OF THIS *INFERNO!*
OOHHH!
WHEW! WHEN THOSE GAS TANKS EXPLODE, THEY DON'T FOOL AROUND!

SOON...
TOM! LET ME GO TO HIM-- HE'S HURT!
HE'S ALL RIGHT! THEY'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! I'M CHARLOTTE FRANK! TOM CLEMENTS IS MY FIANCÉ!
I UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY! BUT, THE MOST *IMPORTANT* THING IS TO GET HIM TO A HOSPITAL!
I'LL RUN YOU OVER THERE NOW-- HOP IN!
THANKS, BLONDE PHANTOM!
AT THE HOSPITAL...
MR. CLEMENTS WAS OPERATED ON HALF-AN-HOUR AGO! CONDITION IS VERY SATISFACTORY! HE'LL BE ABLE TO GET AROUND IN A WEEK OR SO!
OH, THANK HEAVENS!
IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE HE'LL BE ABLE TO BE BACK ON THE JOB AS A TEST PILOT!
TOM CLEMENTS MAY BE UNHURT-- *PHYSICALLY*.. BUT, HOW WILL HE FEEL THE *FIRST* TIME HE GOES UP IN A PLANE?
SOME TIME LATER, LOUISE GRANT AND HER BOSS, MARK MASON, VISIT THE AIRFIELD...
I'M EXPECTING AN IMPORTANT CLIENT ON THE TRANS-AMERICAN CLIPPER--ELLERY FURNESS, THE PLANE DESIGNER! HE'S COMING TO BE PRESENT AT THE TESTS OF HIS NEW MODEL--THE X-172!
THAT X-172 MODEL HAS BEEN IN TWO FATAL CRACK-UPS! FURNESS SUSPECTS SABOTAGE AND HE'S HIRED ME TO KEEP WATCH ON HIS PLANE! DO YOU SEE HIM, LOUISE?
NOT YET!
BUT I *DO* SEE SOMEONE ELSE I KNOW!

THERE'S TOM CLEMENTS, THE TEST PILOT! HE'S OUT OF THE HOSPITAL!
SUDDENLY, AS THE TRANS-AMERICAN CLIPPER COMES IN FOR A LANDING...
NO! NO!
TOM! WHAT'S THE MATTER?
I CAN'T EVEN LOOK AT A PLANE, CHARLOTTE! MY NERVES--THEY'RE SHOT! TAKE ME OUT OF HERE!
HM--LOOKS LIKE A BAD CASE OF FLIGHT NERVES! TOO BAD! HIS CAREER IS OVER, UNLESS HE CAN BEAT HIS FEAR!
LATER, WHEN MARK MASON MEETS ELLERY FURNESS...
SO THIS IS THE PLANE YOU DESIGNED! TRIM-LOOKING JOB!
THIRD AND ONLY REMAINING MODEL! THE OTHER TWO WERE DESTROYED IN THE CRASHES!
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BOTH PILOTS BAILED OUT BEFORE THEY COULD TELL WHAT WAS REALLY WRONG! IT MAY BE A STRUCTURAL FAULT--BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, I MUST GUARD AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF SABOTAGE!
THAT'S WHERE I COME IN! LEAVE IT TO ME, MR. FURNESS!
I EXPECT TROUBLE GETTING A TEST-PILOT TO TAKE THE PLANE UP! AFTER THOSE CRASHES, I CAN'T BLAME THEM FOR BEING WARY!
I CAN MAKE A SUGGESTION! SOMEONE I KNOW--TOM CLEMENTS--IS ONE OF THE BEST PILOTS IN THE TRADE! AND I THINK I CAN ARRANGE FOR HIM TO TEST YOUR PLANE!

A QUICK CHANGE TO THE BLONDE PHANTOM! AND SOON, IN CHARLOTTE FRANK'S APARTMENT...
WILL YOU CO-OPERATE? I KNOW IT SOUNDS LIKE A DRASTIC MOVE, BUT IT'S THE *ONLY* WAY TOM CAN BE PERSUADED TO TAKE THE JOB!
I'LL DO WHATEVER I CAN! I CAN'T BEAR TO SEE TOM GO ON THE WAY HE IS--HE'S SO UNHAPPY!
TOM'S CALLING FOR ME HERE ANY MINUTE! YOU'D BETTER GO!
YOU'RE A BRAVE GIRL, CHARLOTTE!
WHEN TOM AND CHARLOTTE COME OUT...
I HOPE I TIME THIS RIGHT!
LOOK OUT!
SCREECH!
YOU CRAZY FOOL! YOU'VE KILLED HER!
THERE MAY STILL BE A CHANCE! WE'LL RUSH HER TO THE HOSPITAL AT ONCE!
ONE AGONIZED HOUR LATER...
I'VE JUST BEEN TALKING TO THE DOCTORS! CHARLOTTE NEEDS AN OPERATION RIGHT AWAY, OR SHE MAY *NEVER WALK AGAIN!*
BUT, I'M AFRAID IT WILL BE VERY *EXPENSIVE!*
I DON'T CARE *WHAT* IT COSTS! *I'LL* GET THE MONEY FOR HER! I'VE HAD AN OFFER FROM ELLERY FURNESS TO TEST HIS X-172 PLANE! *AND I'M GOING TO TAKE IT!*

AND SO WE FIND TOM CLEMENTS FLYING THE DANGEROUS X-172, AT 25,000 FEET!
FURNESS PROMISED ME *FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS* TO TEST HIS PLANE! I-I'VE GOT TO GO THROUGH WITH IT, *FOR CHARLOTTE!*
A FEAR-PALSIED HAND CLUTCHES THE JOY-STICK--AND SHOVES IT FORWARD! THE PLANE NOSES INTO A DIVE...
HERE GOES!
THERE SHE COMES... TRAVELING LIKE A *ROCKET!*
GOOD GLORY! THE WINGS ARE *CRUMPLING! WHY DOESN'T HE JUMP?*
I-I'VE *GOT* TO PULL IT OUT! *GOT TO*-- IF THE WINGS WILL ONLY HOLD A LITTLE LONGER.. IF I CAN *ONLY* KEEP MY *NERVE!*
AND TOM CLEMENTS WINS HIS LONELY BATTLE AGAINST FEAR!
HE MADE IT!
WHAT A PILOT! HE NOT ONLY BROUGHT HER DOWN...HE SHOWED WHERE THE STRUCTURAL FAULT LAY...IN THE WINGS!
MINUTES LATER..
CHARLOTTE NEVER WAS HURT! TOM HAS FORGIVEN HER FOR HER PART IN THE CONSPIRACY! AND WHY NOT? IT HELPED HIM TO WIN THE BIGGEST BATTLE OF HIS LIFE!
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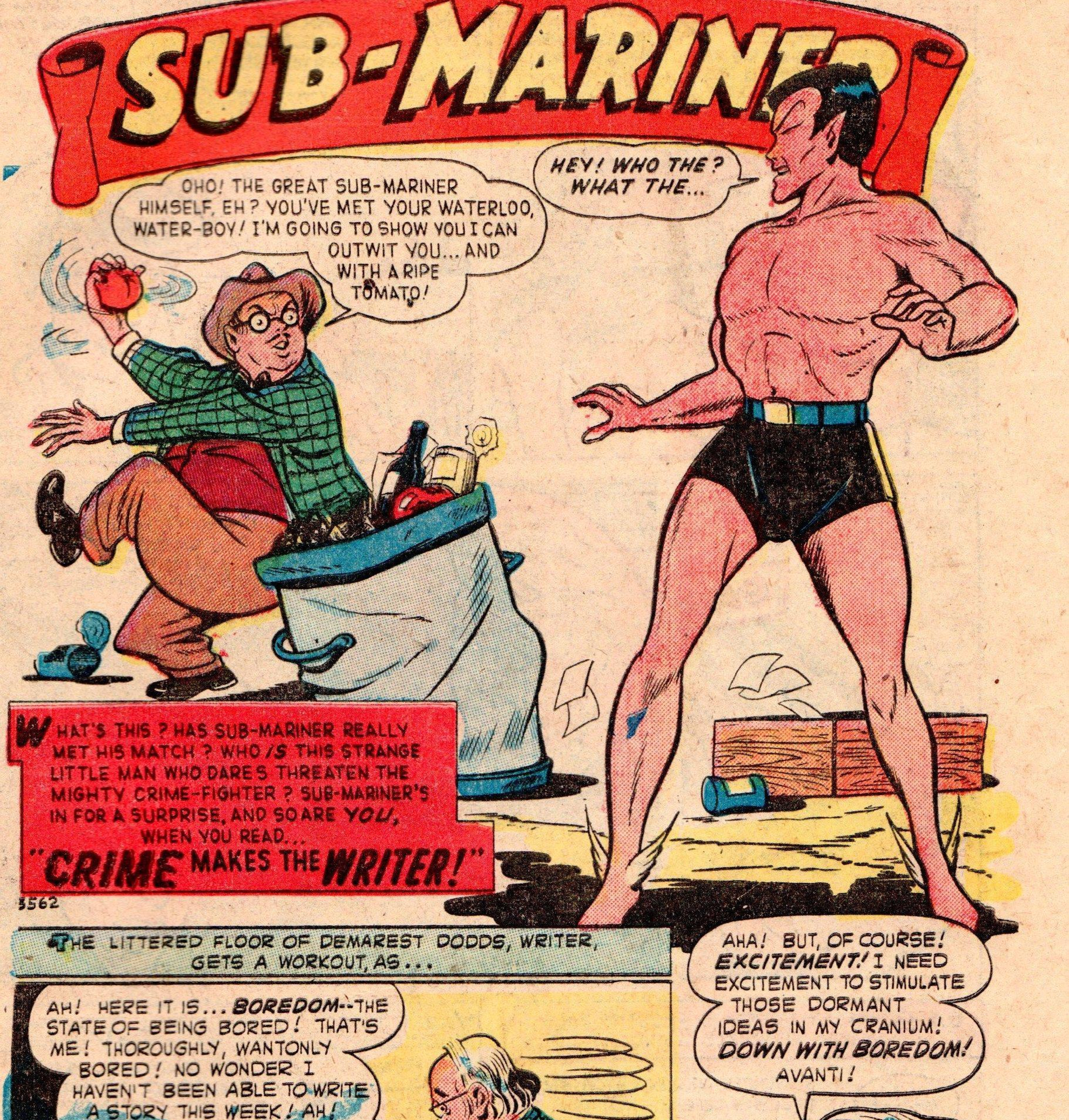
IN FACT, THERE'S ONLY *ONE* DISGRUNTLED CHARACTER...
IMAGINE *ME* PLAYING NURSE MAID TO AN AIR-PLANE! THERE WEREN'T ANY SABOTEURS AT ALL! SOMETIMES, BEING A PRIVATE DETECTIVE JUST MAKES ME FEEL FOOLISH!
IMAGINE HOW BRAVE YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN IF YOU'D GOT A CHANCE! WE CAN'T ALL LEAD EXCITING LIVES LIKE TOM CLEMENTS, OR THE *BLONDE PHANTOM!*
THE END


SUB-MARINER
HEY! WHO THE? WHAT THE...
OHO! THE GREAT SUB-MARINER HIMSELF, EH? YOU'VE MET YOUR WATERLOO, WATER-BOY! I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU I CAN OUTWIT YOU... AND WITH A RIPE TOMATO!
WHAT'S THIS? HAS SUB-MARINER REALLY MET HIS MATCH? WHO IS THIS STRANGE LITTLE MAN WHO DARES THREATEN THE MIGHTY CRIME-FIGHTER? SUB-MARINER'S IN FOR A SURPRISE, AND SO ARE YOU, WHEN YOU READ...
"CRIME MAKES THE WRITER!"
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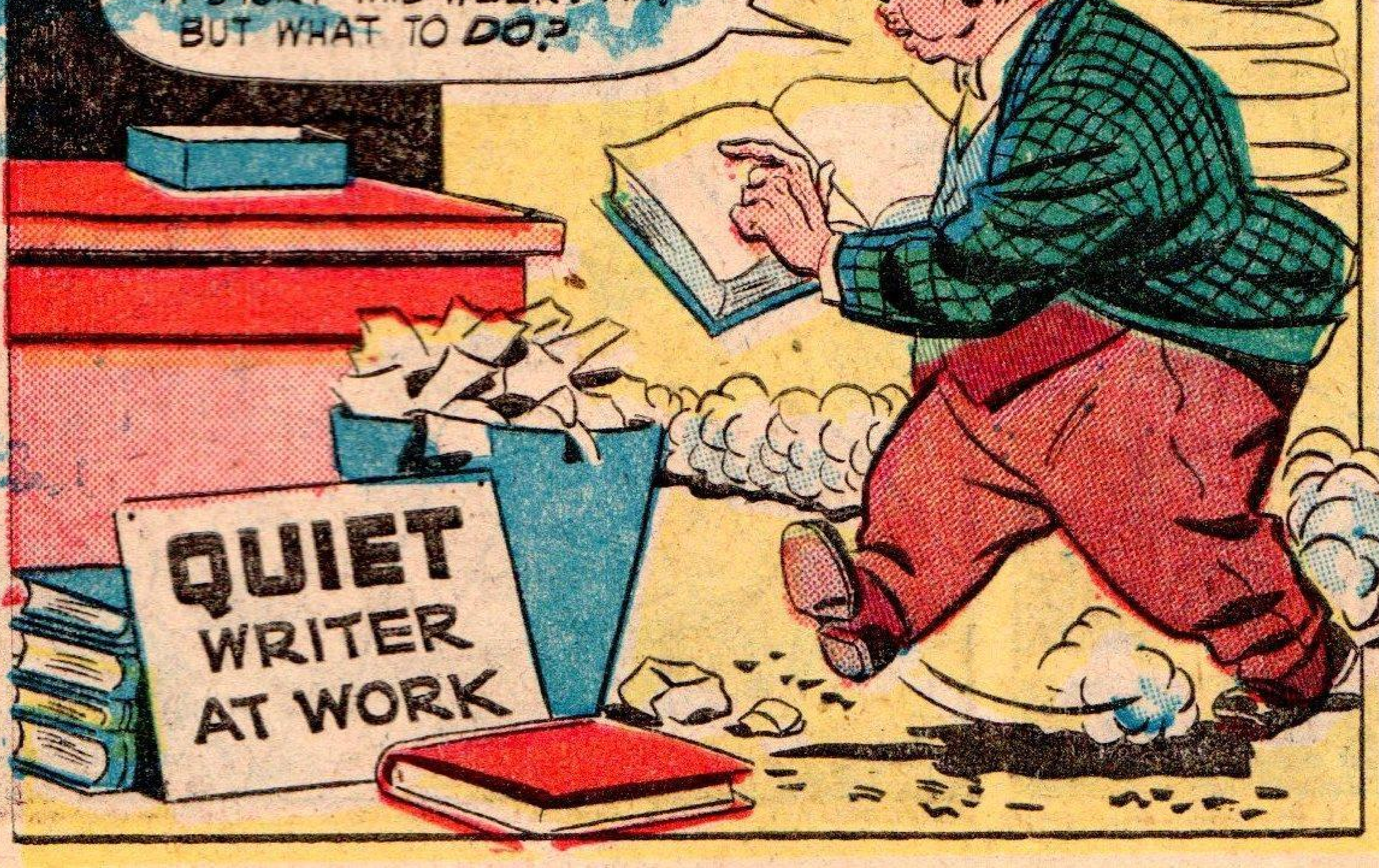
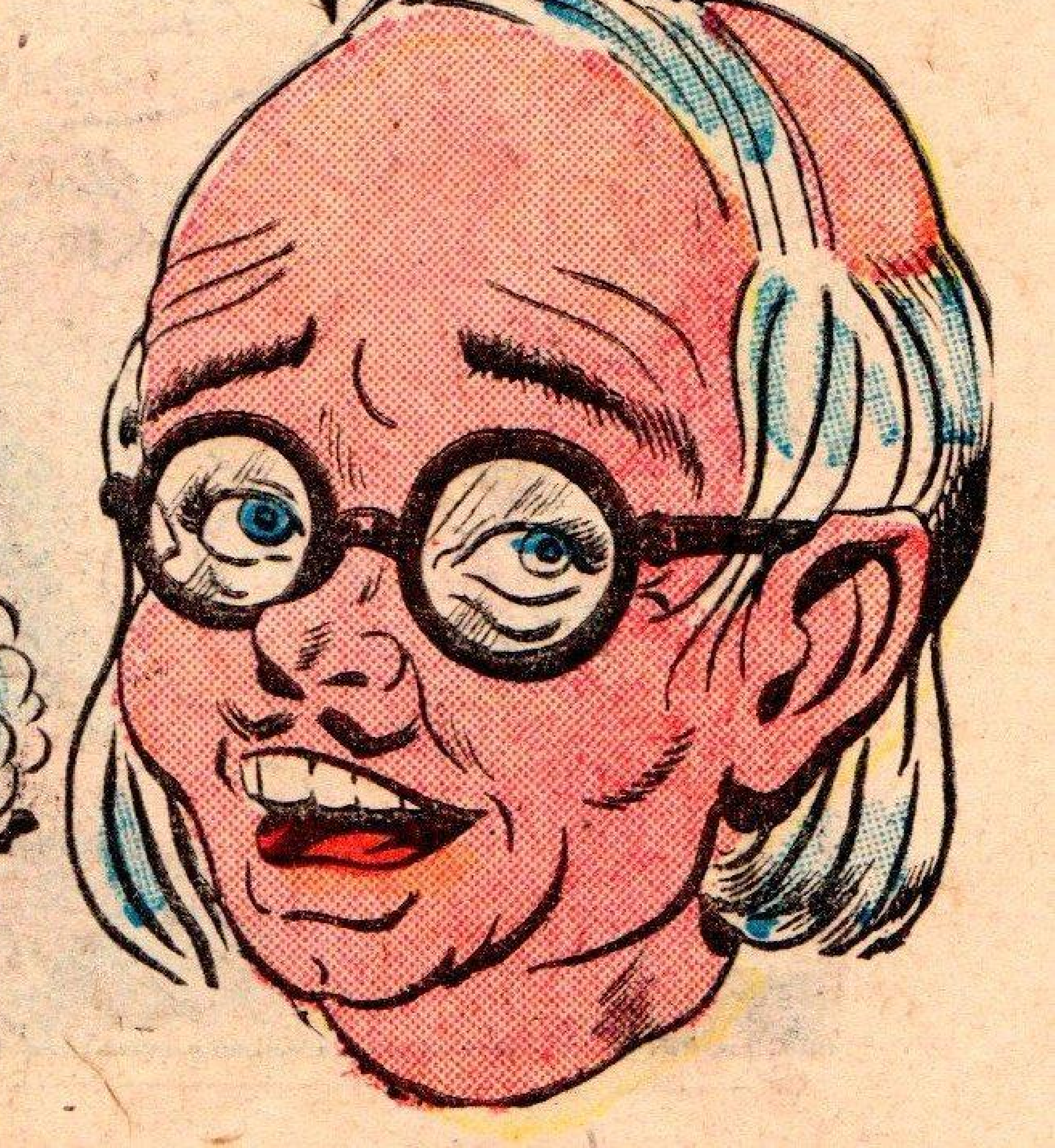

THE LITTERED FLOOR OF DEMAREST DODDS, WRITER, GETS A WORKOUT, AS...
AH! HERE IT IS... BOREDOM--THE STATE OF BEING BORED! THAT'S ME! THOROUGHLY, WANTONLY BORED! NO WONDER I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO WRITE A STORY THIS WEEK! AH! BUT WHAT TO DO?
QUIET WRITER AT WORK


AHA! BUT, OF COURSE! EXCITEMENT! I NEED EXCITEMENT TO STIMULATE THOSE DORMANT IDEAS IN MY CRANIUM! DOWN WITH BOREDOM! AVANTI!

AND AT THAT VERY MOMENT, A SIMILAR THOUGHT OCCURS TO SUB-MARINER!
BAH! THIS IDLENESS IS DRIVING ME GOOFY! WHY DOESN'T SOMETHING HAPPEN? ANYTHING!
NOTHING WILL HAPPEN IF YOU JUST SIT THERE FANNING YOURSELF WITH THAT COMIC BOOK!
MARVEL COMICS
YOU'RE RIGHT! I'M TAKING A WALK IN THE CITY! (YAWN!) NEVER CAN TELL--MAYBE I'LL RUN INTO A COUPLE OF KIDS PLAYING HOOKEY!
HA! HA! OR A BANK ROBBERY!
AND...AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT...
CAN
OH, HUM!
OH, HUM!
HO! WHO'S THAT SCRUBBY LOOKING CHARACTER? LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING THROWN OUT OF THE LEFT BANK OF PARIS!
AHA! THE GREAT, GLORIOUS, GRAPPLING SUB-MARINER HIMSELF! NOW WOULDN'T IT BE SOMETHING IF I...?
AS DEMAREST DODDS IS ABOUT TO PASS NAMOR, HE WHIRLS ... AND...
WHA--?
YOU'LL NEVER CATCH ME, SUB-MARINER-- NOT IN A CALENDAR FULL OF CENTURIES!
WHY, THAT BRAZEN LITTLE PUNK!
AHA! THEY'LL BILL ME AS THE MAN WHO FLOORED SUB-MARINER!
IT'S--IT'S SUB-MARINER!

SUB-MARINER'S GOING AFTER HIM! YEOW! LEMME OUTTA HERE!
HE MUST BE ONE OF THE RANSEY MOB! THAT LITTLE MAN HAS A KILLER'S FACE!
AHA! IN HERE, THOU VARLET, DEMAREST, BEFORE THE KNAVE, NAMOR, QUARTERS YOU!
WHOEVER IT WAS DUCKED UP HERE!
WELL, I'LL BE JIGGERED! THE THORN IN MY SIDE HAS DISAPPEARED!
AHA! HE THINKS I HAVE VANISHED! AH! WHAT VARIETY OF GARDEN VEGETABLE DO WE HAVE HERE? WELL, A DRIPPINGLY RIPE TO-MAH-TOE!
ZOUNDS! BULL'S-EYE!
WHULP!
SPLAPT!
HA! 'TIS OFTEN SAID, "ONCE WE'RE DEAD, THE FRUITS OF LIFE WERE NEVER ENJOYED!"
HUH? WHEN I CATCH YOU, THE FRUITS OF LIFE WILL BE FOREVER OUT OF YOUR REACH, YOU SQUIRT!
PENTUP APT'S TRADE ENTRANCE

HE CAME THROUGH HERE, AND...
OH! SUB-MARINER! THERE WAS SOME EXCITEMENT IN THE STREET A LITTLE WHILE AGO!
YEAH! H-HE'S AFTER SOME KILLER!
A KILLER-- IN HERE?
W-WE HEARD OF YOUR CHASE! B-BUT NO ONE THAT LOOKED LIKE A K-KILLER CAME THROUGH HERE!
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT HIM BEING A KILLER-- BUT HE'S CERTAINLY A NUISANCE!
Y-YES, SIR! P-PARDON ME-- TH-THE PHONE!
I KNOW HE RAN IN HERE! BUT WHERE?
RING!
WH-WH-WH-WH-WHAT?
YOU LOOK AS IF A BULLET WERE CHASING YOU!
HE-- TH-THE KILLER-- IT-- HE--(ULP!) HE'S IN DEMAREST DODDS' ROOM WAITING FOR YOU--ROOM 1404!
HO! WAITING FOR ME, EH? TELL HIM I'LL BE RIGHT UP!
HELLO, POLICE? GIVE ME THE OPERATOR! I MEAN, OPERATOR, GET ME THE POLICE!
BETTER CALL AN AMBULANCE, TOO!

1404! THAT'S IT!
(G-GULP!) BETCHA I MAKE TH' FIRST FLOOR IN TWO SECONDS!
WHILE DOWNSTAIRS, AN UP AND COMING NERVOUS BREAKDOWN FOMENTS...
WH-WH-WHY DON'T THE POLICE COME? OH, *WHY?*
H-HERE'S TH-THE WATER, SIR!
WHERE'S THE KILLER?
UP-UPSTAIRS IN ROOM 1404! ***P-PLEASE HURRY!*** OHHHH!
IT'S OPEN! OKAY! UP WITH YOUR HANDS, INSIDE THERE!
BETTER BE ***CAREFUL!***
1404
HA! HA! LOOK, SUB-MARINER! OUR LITTLE ADVENTURE IN SEARCH OF EXCITEMENT HAS BROUGHT THE CONSTABULARY!
THERE'S NO KILLER, BOYS! HA! HA! THE JOKE WAS ON ME! AND FRANKLY, I ***ENJOYED*** IT!
? ? ?
I'M SORRY I HAD TO USE SUCH AN UNUSUAL APPROACH TO GET SUB-MARINER UP HERE! BUT NOW--SHOO! SUB-MARINER AND I HAVE A ***STORY*** TO WRITE!
AWK! WE THOUGHT ***WE*** WERE GOING TO HAVE SOME ***EXCITEMENT!*** THINGS'VE BEEN ***DULL*** AT THE STATION HOUSE!
1404
THE FOLLOWING MORNING...
YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THEY'VE BEEN UP ***ALL NIGHT?***
YUP! THAT SUB-MARINER AND DODDS ARE WRITING A ***STORY*** TOGETHER! MIGHT AS WELL FORGET ABOUT CLEANING THE ROOM UNTIL THEY'VE FINISHED! HO-HUM! LOOKS LIKE A ***BORING DAY*** AHEAD!
1404
THE END

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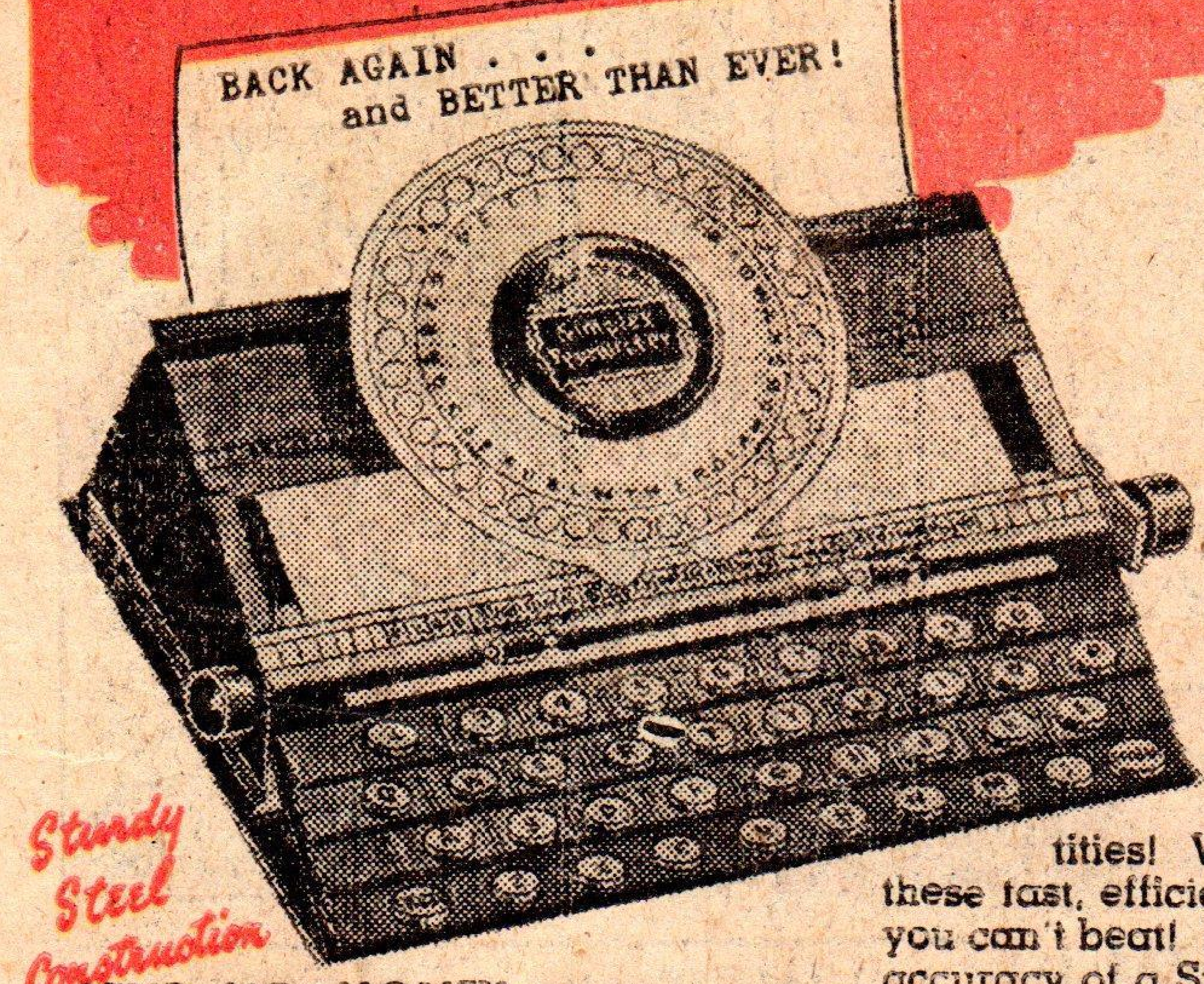

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A Real Money-Maker For You . . . Because

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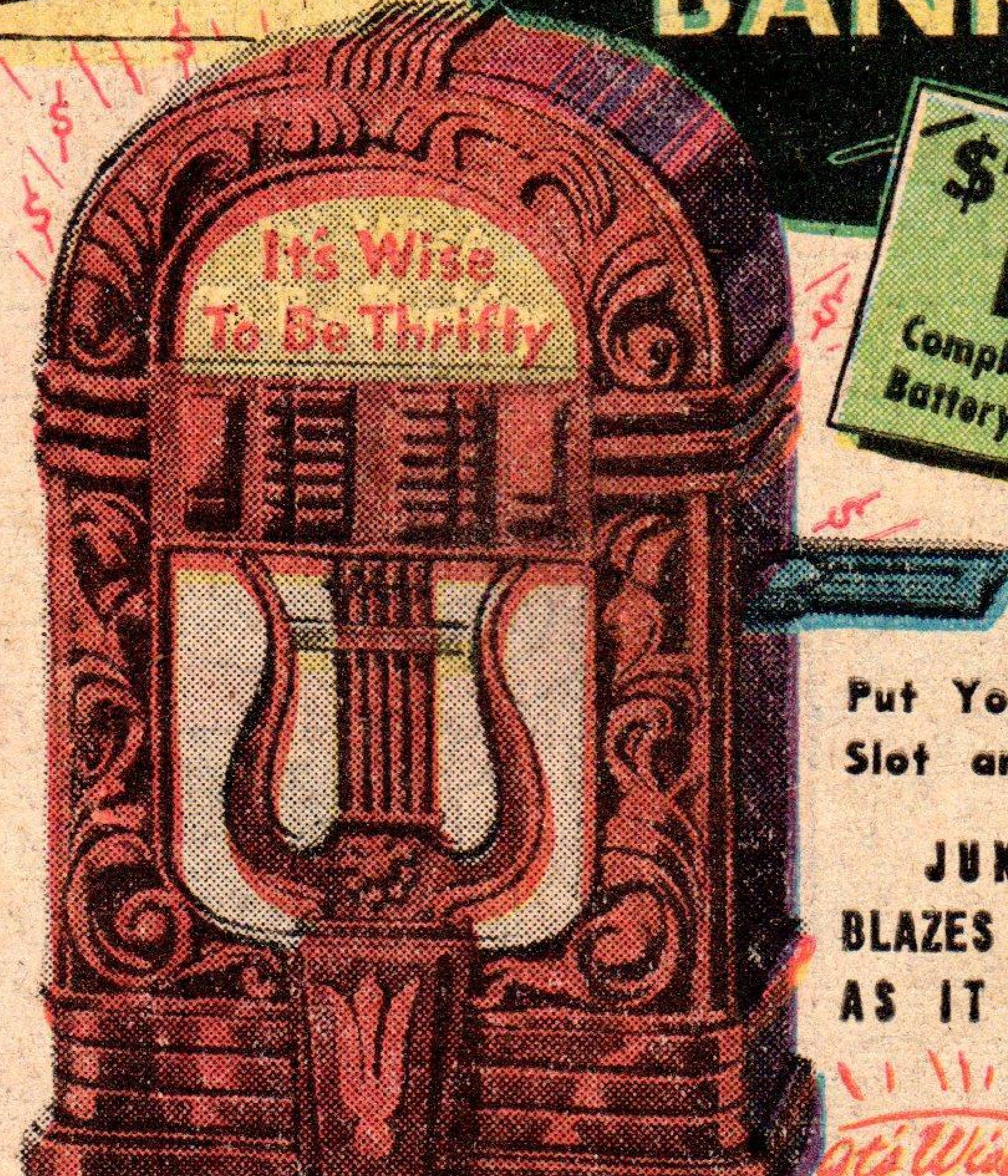

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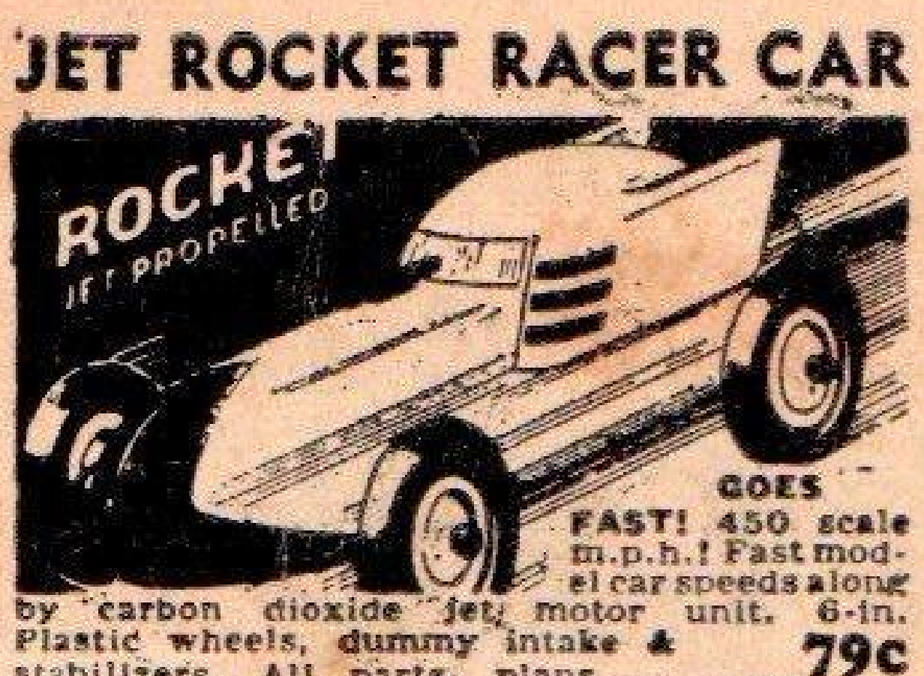

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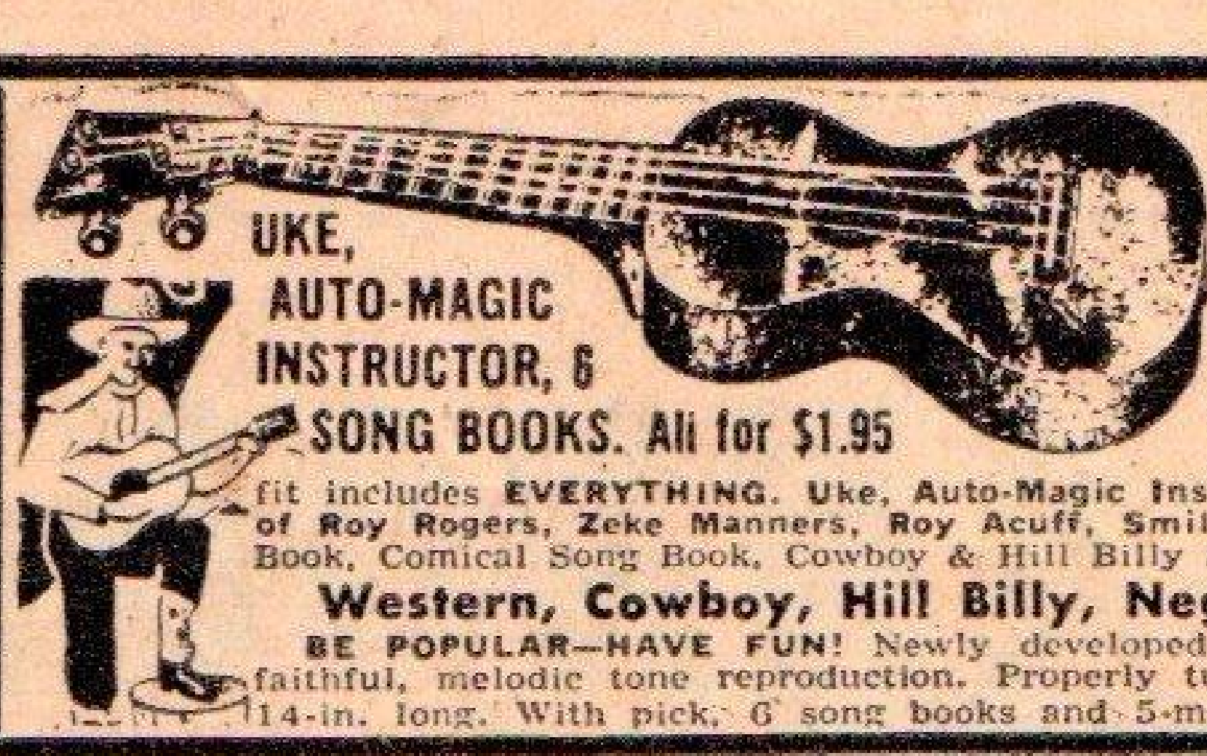

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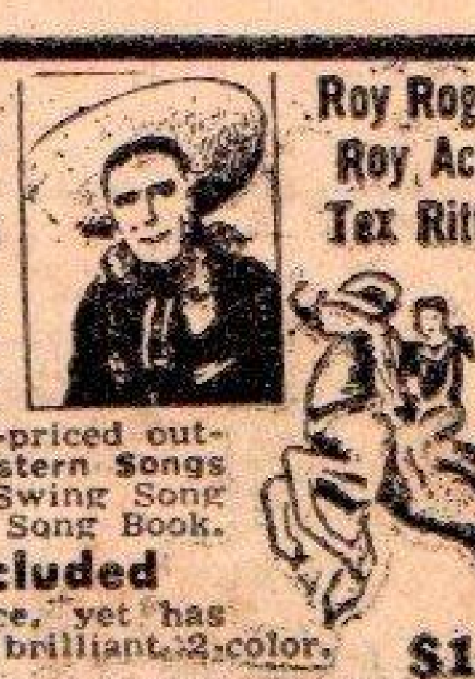

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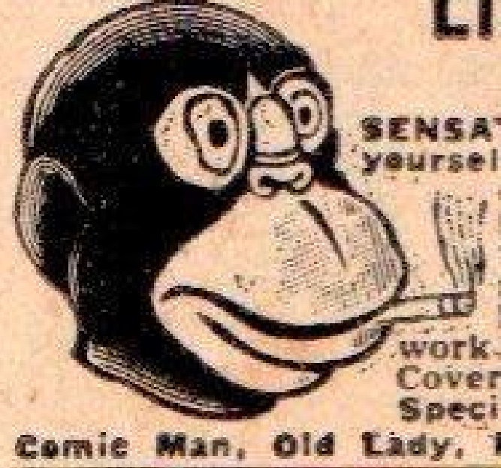

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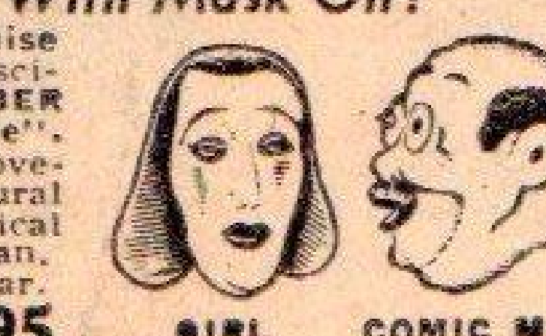

GIRL COMIC MAN

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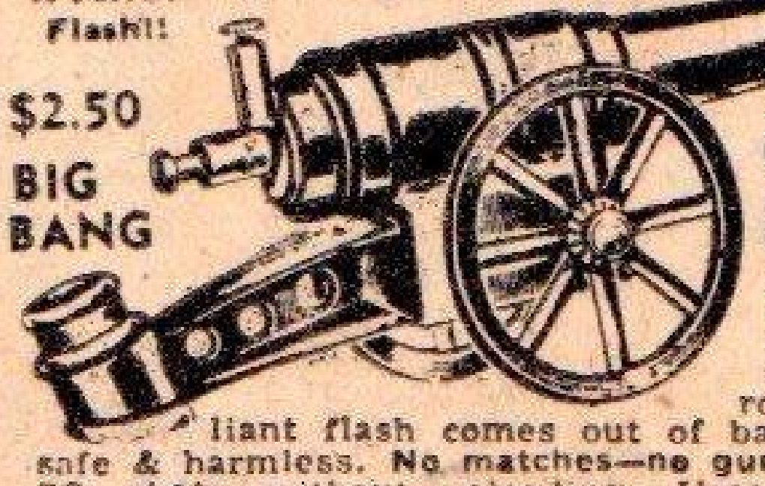

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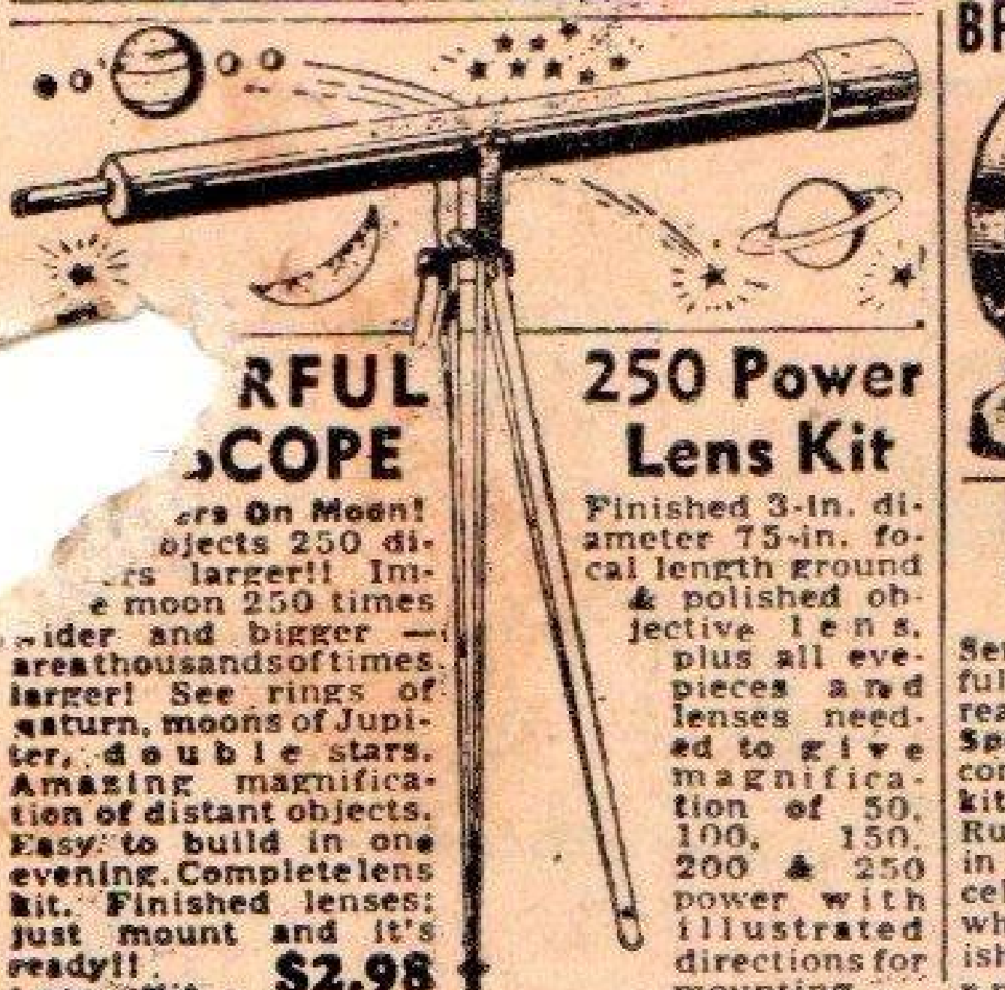

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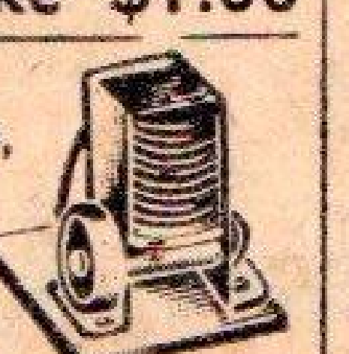

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500 Shot Repeater AIR PISTOL

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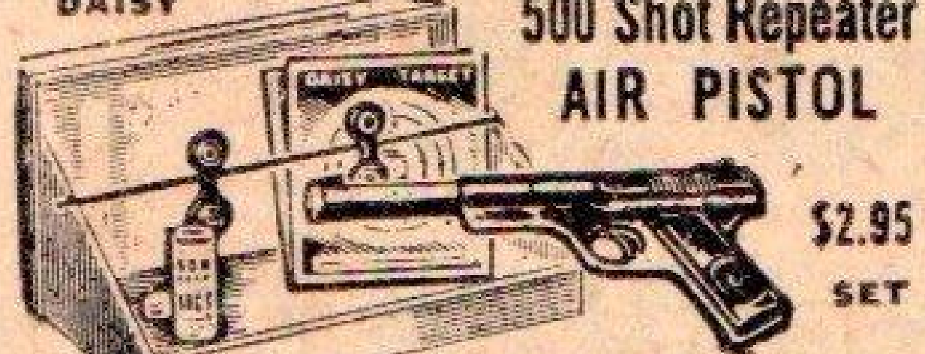

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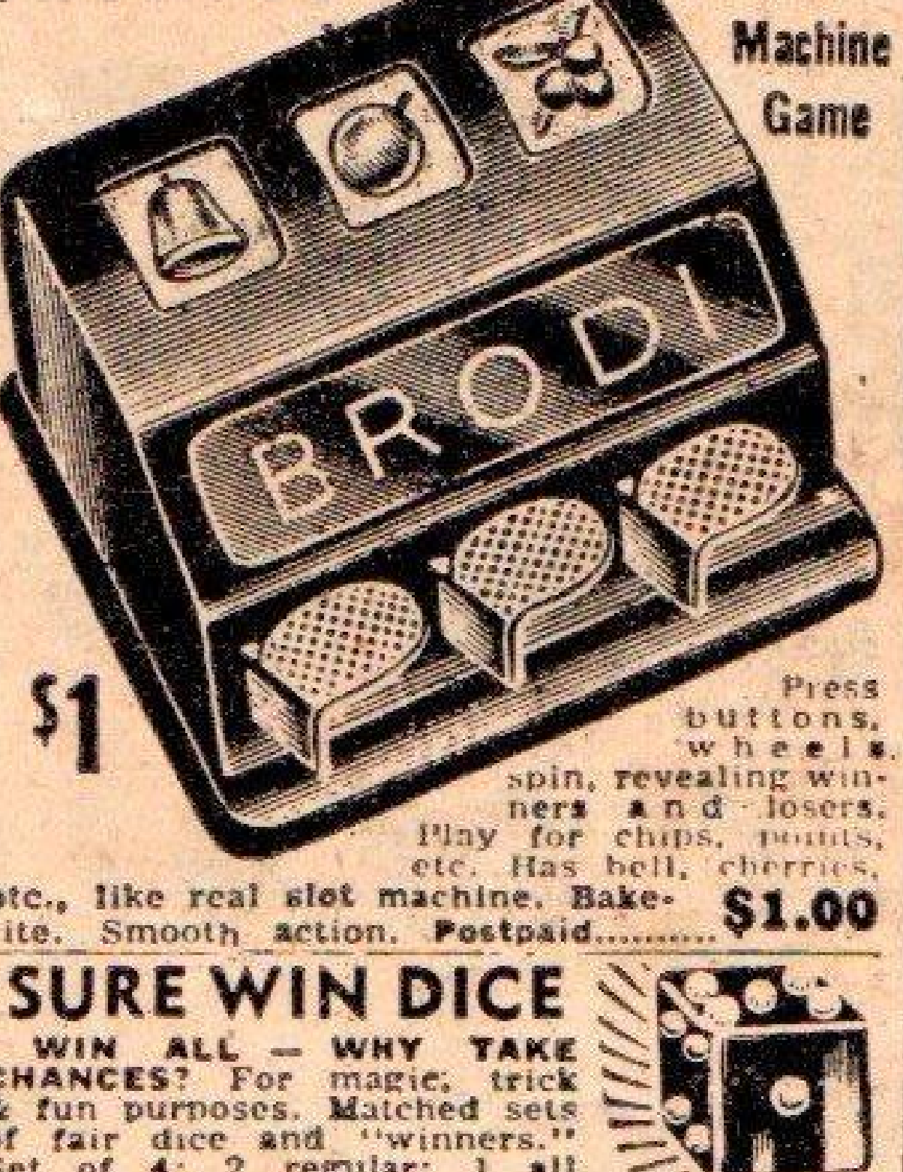

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Press buttons, wheels spin, revealing **winners and losers.** Play for chips, points, etc. Has bell, cherries, **etc., like real slot machine. Bakelite.** Smooth action. **Postpaid...... $1.00**

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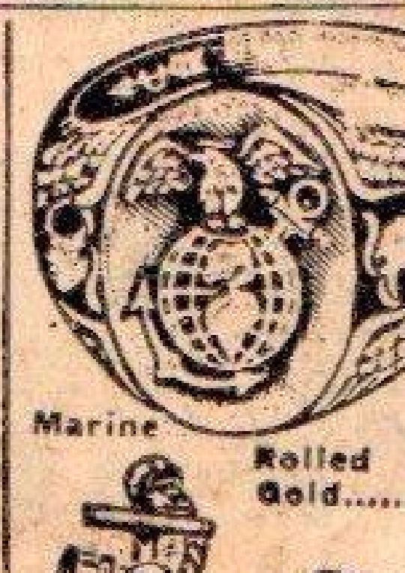

Massive, jumbo oversize men's military rings. Available in 4 styles. **STATE SIZE & DESIGN.**
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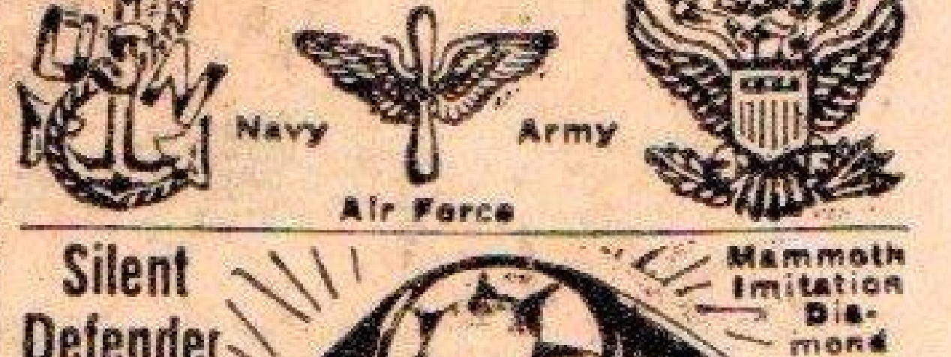

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Mammoth Imitation Diamond

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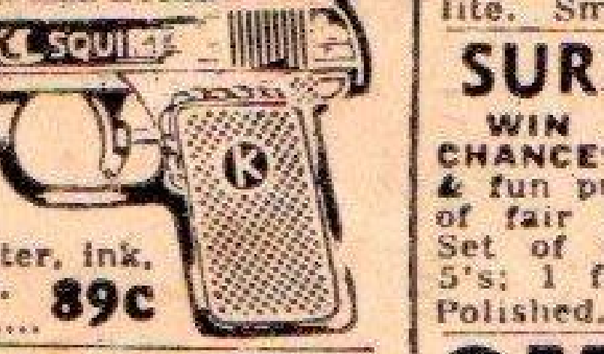

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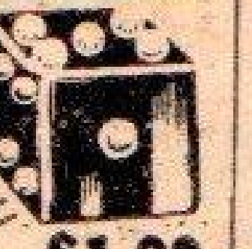
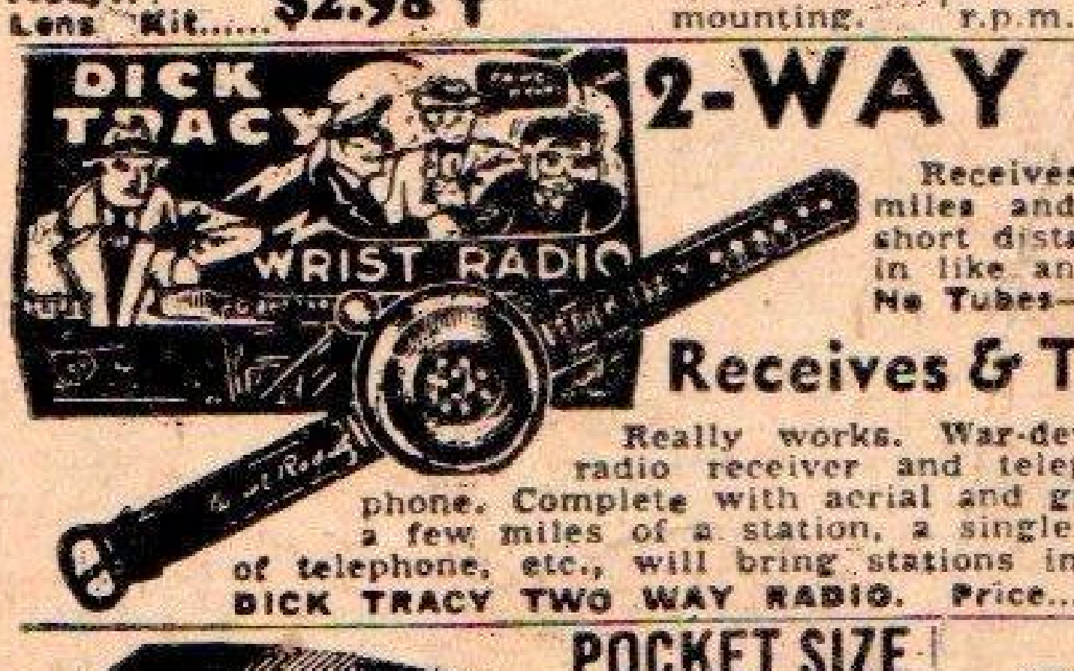


WIN ALL — WHY TAKE CHANCES? For magic, trick & fun purposes. Matched sets of fair dice and "winners." Set of 4: 2 regular; 1 all 5's; 1 four 2s & two 6s. Polished. ⅝-in. size. **Set...... $1.00**



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Receives regular broadcasts up to about 100 miles and actually transmits your voice over short distances. Wear it like a watch but listen in like any radio. **No Batteries—No Electricity—No Tubes—No Expense. (Costs nothing to operate.)**

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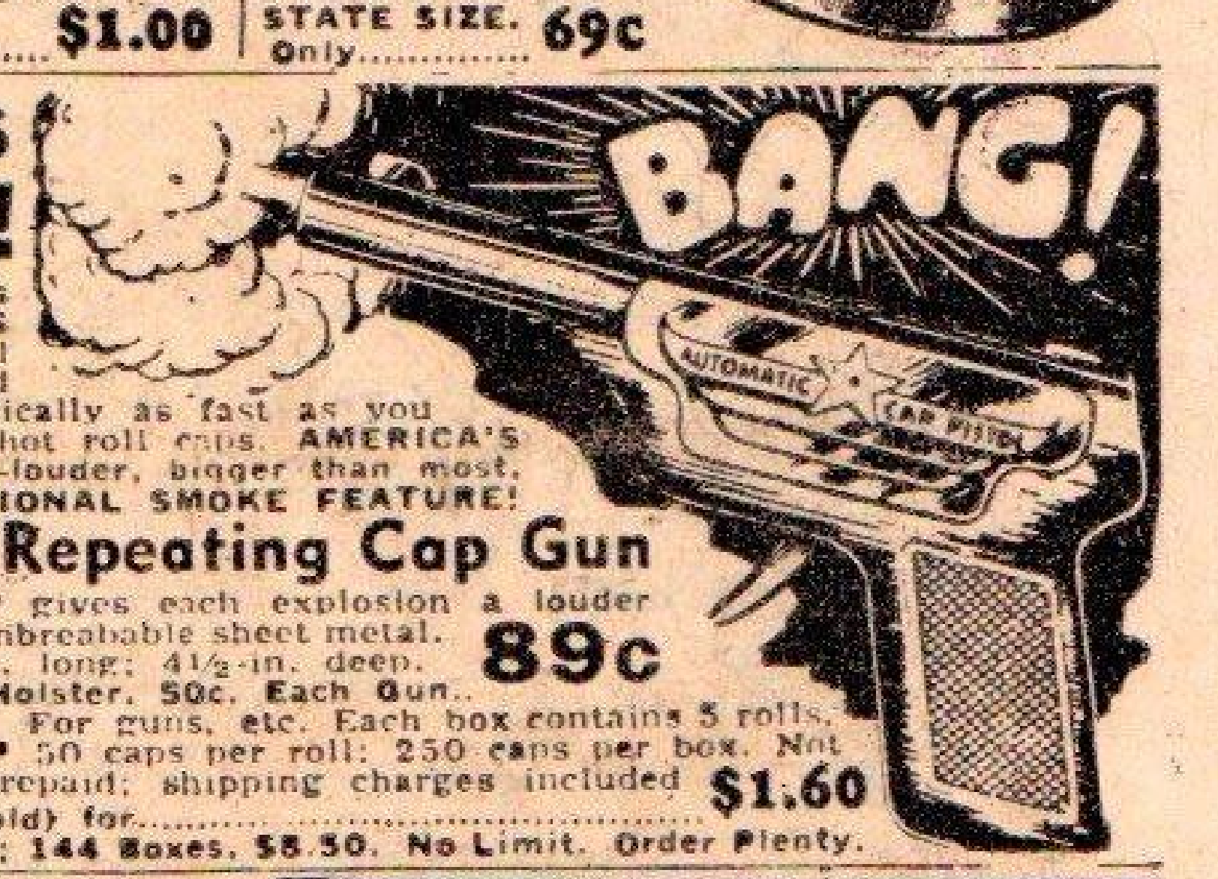
Really works. War-developed crystal rectifier. Combination radio receiver and telephonic transmitter with built-in earphone. Complete with aerial and ground connections. If you live within a few miles of a station, a single connection to bed spring, metal part of telephone, etc., will bring stations in. Wonderful receiver. **DICK TRACY TWO WAY RADIO. Price...... $3.98**

Gum Vending Bank

$1.98

DROP IN COIN—OUT COMES GUM! Money saver and money maker!! Holds 25 standard sticks. Insert penny, dime, nickel, etc. **Automatic. Colorful** plastic, metal trim. Mirror front. Key lock. Big 6-in. high. Get several and make money. **COMPLETE $1.98**

SMOKES as IT SHOOTS!!



Sensational new cap gun puffs **CLOUDS OF SMOKE as it SHOOTS WITH LOUD ROAR!!** Big, full sized gun—swell looking—rugged automatic style. Repeats automatically as fast as you pull trigger. Uses standard 50 shot roll caps. **AMERICA'S NUMBER ONE CAP GUN VALUE**—louder, bigger than most, **positive rapid action plus SENSATIONAL SMOKE FEATURE!**

Loudest Automatic Repeating Cap Gun

Specially built sound chamber gives each explosion a louder **BOOM** than any other cap pistol! Unbreakable sheet metal. Fastest, easiest reloading. 7½-in. long; 4½-in. deep. **89c**
SPECIAL: 3 for $2.50; Western Holster, 50c. Each Gun.

Exploding Paper Caps. For guns, etc. Each box contains 5 rolls, 50 caps per roll; 250 caps per box. Not mailable but we send express prepaid; shipping charges included in price. **12 Boxes (None less sold) for...... $1.60**
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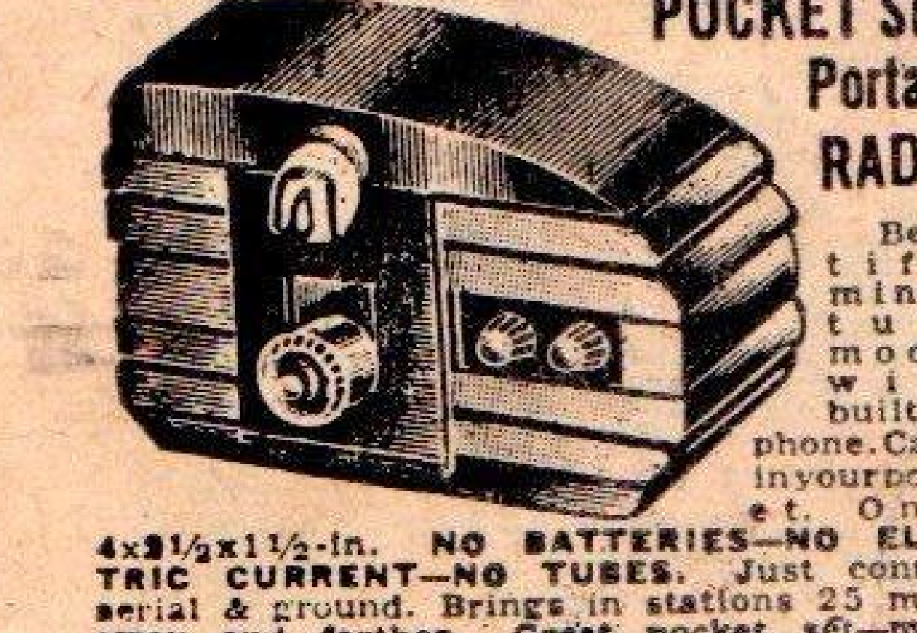
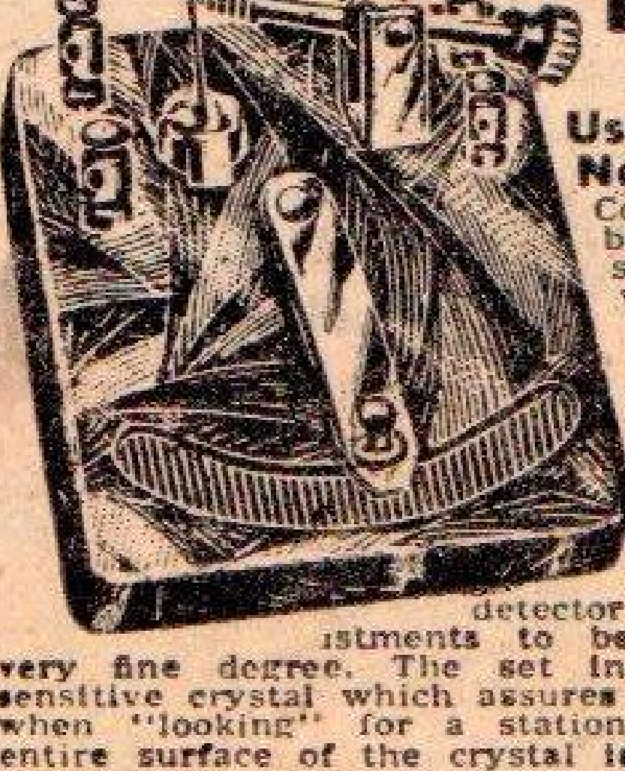
POCKET SIZE Portable RADIO



Beautiful miniature model with built-in phone. Carry in your pocket. Only 4x2½x1½-in. **NO BATTERIES—NO ELECTRIC CURRENT—NO TUBES.** Just connect aerial & ground. Brings in stations 25 miles **away and farther. Great pocket set—many uses.** Crystal set—no expense to operate. Complete with phone. **Postpaid $3.99**

RADIO



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Uses No Tubes No Batteries

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High speed, rubber type **PRINTING PRESS OUTFIT**, only **$2.50** complete! Prints up to 3x4½-in. Print **calling cards, programs, papers, notices, etc.** Prints various sizes of type, cuts (illustrations), etc. Rotary press pulls paper through machine and out, inks type, all with a single crank! Do color work! **Printing press, 200 pieces of type, 8 type slots, 2 picture cuts, type tweezers, black ink, ink brush, ink blanket, paper, copy of printer's journal. ONLY...... $2.50**

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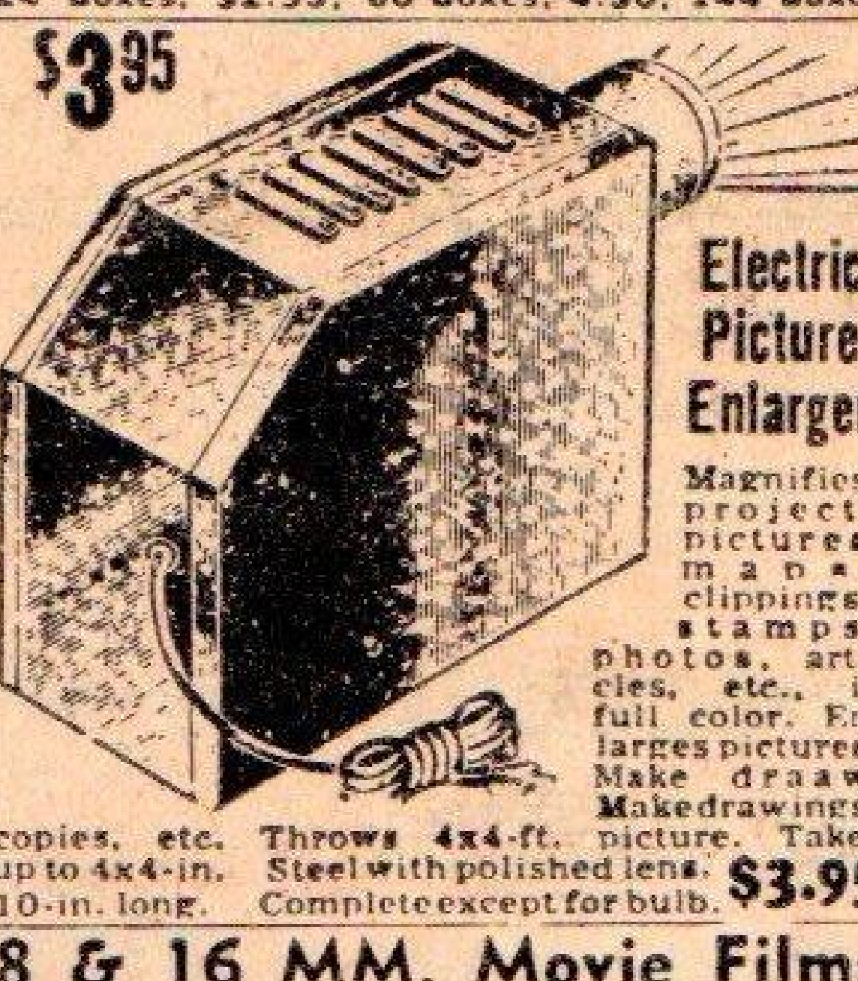

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Funniest novelty ever invented! Fits the finger like a ring, but concealed in palm is the **TICKLER.** The buzzer, or tickler, contains a clockwork mechanism that is wound up. Whenever it is touched, the mechanism is released, giving the victim a shock. **Every time you shake hands** your friend will get a volt of shock. Touch them on back and watch 'em jump. They "hit the ceiling" if they sit on it. **Under sheet feels like mouse.** Use as a "tic-tac" on window. **Price...... 50c**

Radio Noise Eliminator & Aerial

3-in-1

Better radio reception, get longer distances. Wave trap & aerial tuner. Filters out noise. Made & guaranteed by RCA. **COMPLETE...... $1.00**

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Change combination as often as you wish; unlocks only if you know correct combination. Will hold small articles, coins, bills, etc. Well constructed small safe about 3x3x3-in., sturdily constructed of steel, plastic & aluminum. **Each Postpaid...... $1.19**

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Sensational, snappy! Regular bow-tie. Has two miniature red bulbs in the lapels. Battery concealed in pocket. Flash light any time. Complete, ready to use. **Only...... $1.50**

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Be Taller Instantly
Fits all regular shoes. Nothing shows. Invisible. Comfortable. Be nearly 2-in. taller, look slimmer. Lasts for years. **State Shoe Size. Pr. $2.00**

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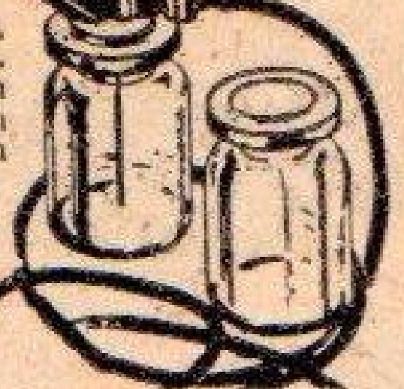
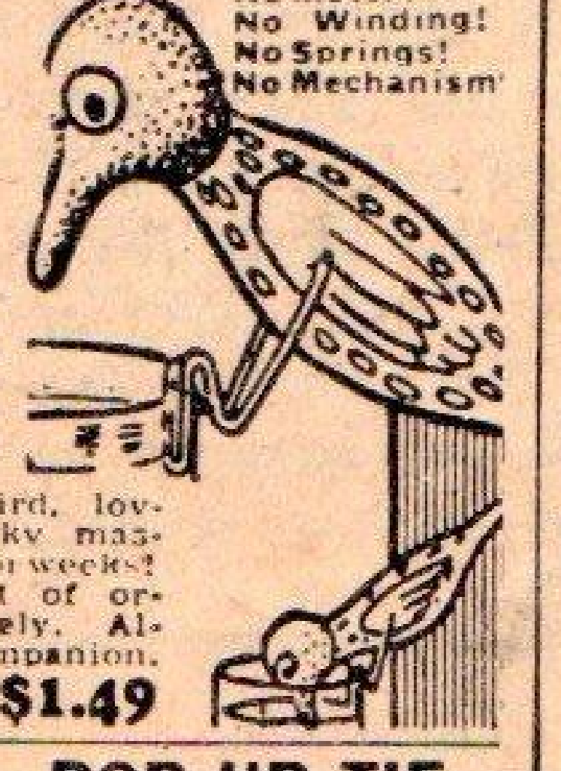
AUTOMATIC PAINT SPRAYER



MAKES PAINTING FUN! Paint and decorate your bike, room, furniture, models, etc. Gives even, uniform coat without brush marks. Operates from spare tire or air container. Gives even, quick-dry coat in rapid time. Adjustable brass spray tip, rubber hose and two jars. **Price...... $1.89**

Mystery Ever Drinking Bird



No Motor!
No Winding!
No Springs!
No Mechanism!

Scientific marvel. Drinks, pauses, drinks, etc., as long as water is in glass. Goes on for days! Amazes and baffles. Perpetual fun. Keep this weird, lovable bird as a lucky mascot. Keeps drinking for weeks! Nothing to get out of order—lasts indefinitely. Almost lifelike companion. **Beautiful colors. 4-in. high. Complete $1.49**

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Fight & Knockout Thrills
Famous boxers in championship fights!

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Candid shots of Hollywood's famous screen beauties. All star parade. Two different films available: Reel 1 & Reel 2. **50-ft. 8mm. $1.75; 100-ft. 16mm. $3.25.**

Chenille Sweater Letters

High piled chenille varsity emblems, same as used by high schools and colleges. Extra fine quality, beautiful 2-color work. **1. Give initial desired; 2. Specify middle color.** Allow 15 days to make. **State Colors.**
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Inserts like football, baseball, numerals, stripes, boxing glove, etc., add 35c Each.

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Properly shaped and balanced for throwing. Hunt small game; target practice. Thrilling stunts. Ruggedly built, penetrating point, tool steel. Hard hitting; easy-to-throw. About 7-in...... **$1.98**

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Lock stitch sewing needles, directions, awl with waxed thread. Hundred uses—sewing, repair leather, canvas, etc. Make novelties, belts, etc. **$1.00**

Watch It Change Color!

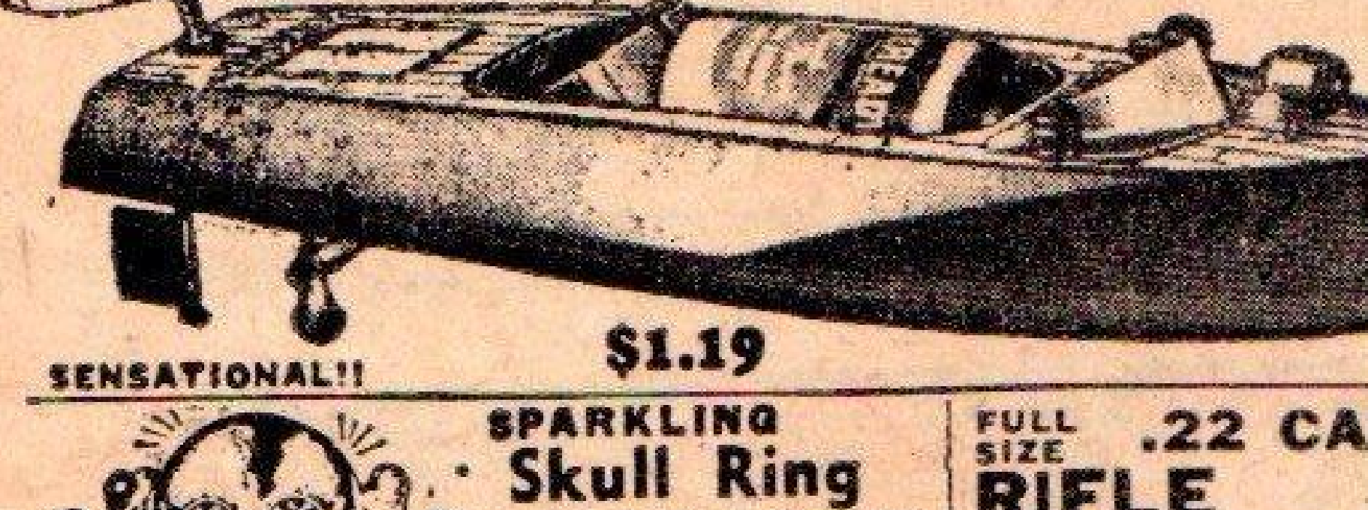
50c

LIVE CHAMELEON

REAL LIVE PET; EASY TO KEEP

Get one of these most wonderful creatures. Watch it change color. Study its habits. Wear one on the lapel of your coat as a curiosity. **Shoots out its tongue to catch flies while in the air!** Goes for months without food. Almost 4-in. long. Live delivery guaranteed. Allow 14 days for delivery. **Price... 50c**
Chameleon Food, Package..20c Lapel Pin & Chain..15c

Electric SPEED BOAT



SENSATIONAL!! $1.19

With battery—ready to run! Powerful electric motor; famous Keystone boat. 9-in. Natural mahogany topside, decorated deck, red underbody. Rudder, wind breaker, side lights, pennant. Individually boxed. **COMPLETE ONLY...... $1.19**

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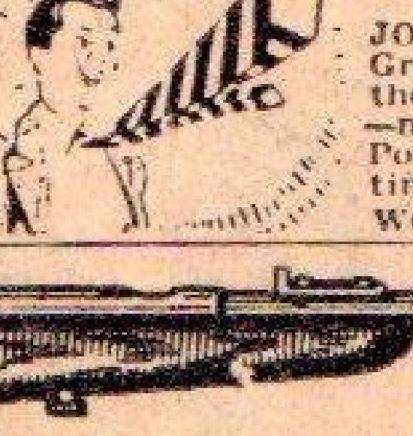
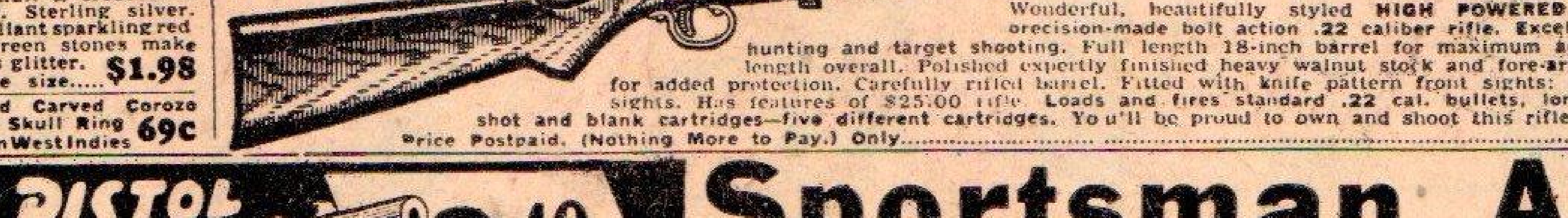


JOKESTERS-MAGICIANS!! Greatest comedy gag of the century!! Use any tie—no special tie needed. Pops up fast or slow, any time, any place. WOW!!...... **$1.00**

SPARKLING Skull Ring

Skull & crossbones ring. Sterling silver. Brilliant sparkling red & green stones make eyes glitter. **State size...... $1.98**
Hand Carved Corozo Nut Skull Ring from West Indies 69c

FULL SIZE .22 CALIBER RIFLE



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Low Priced Powerful Rifle for Hunting and Target Shooting!

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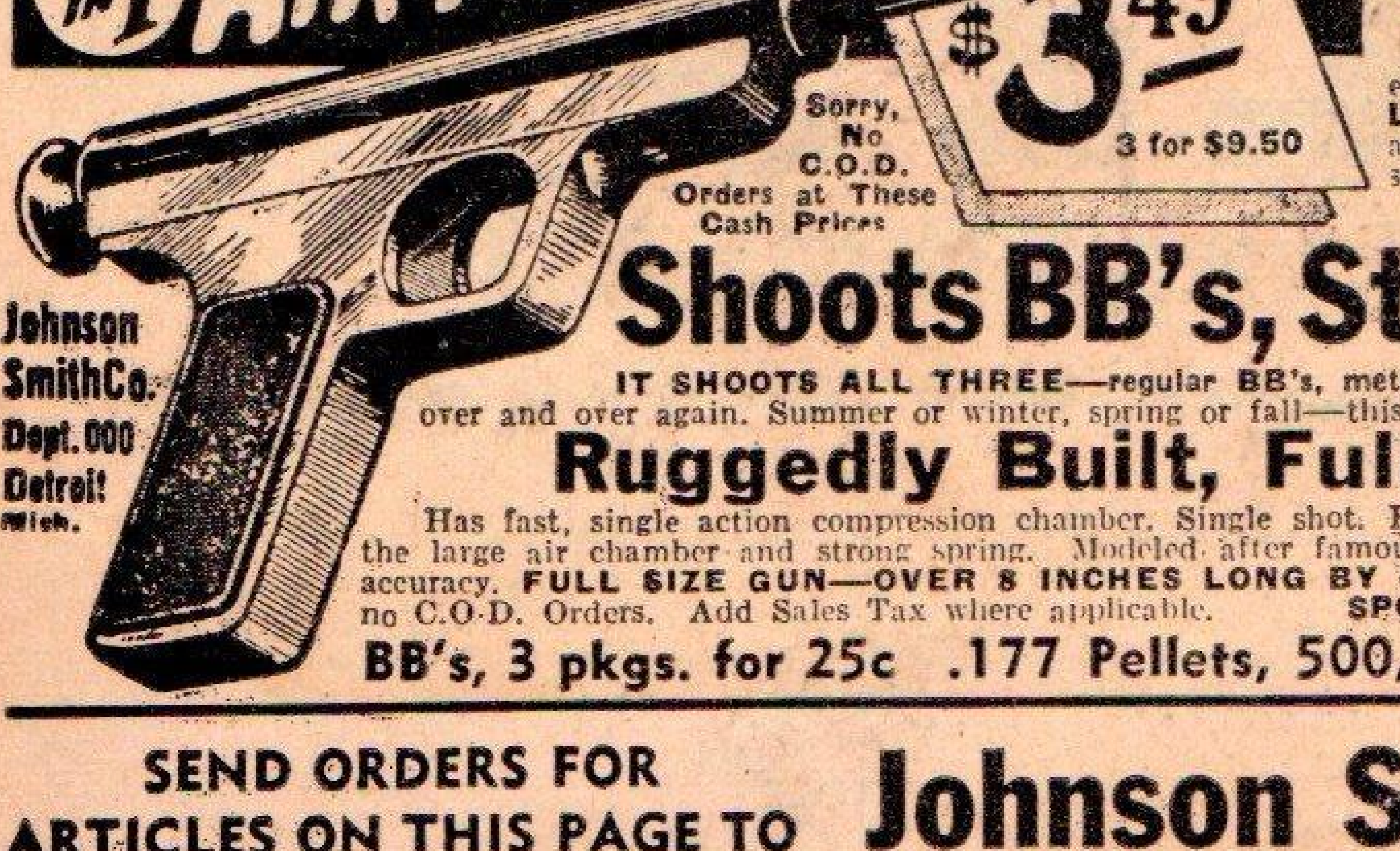

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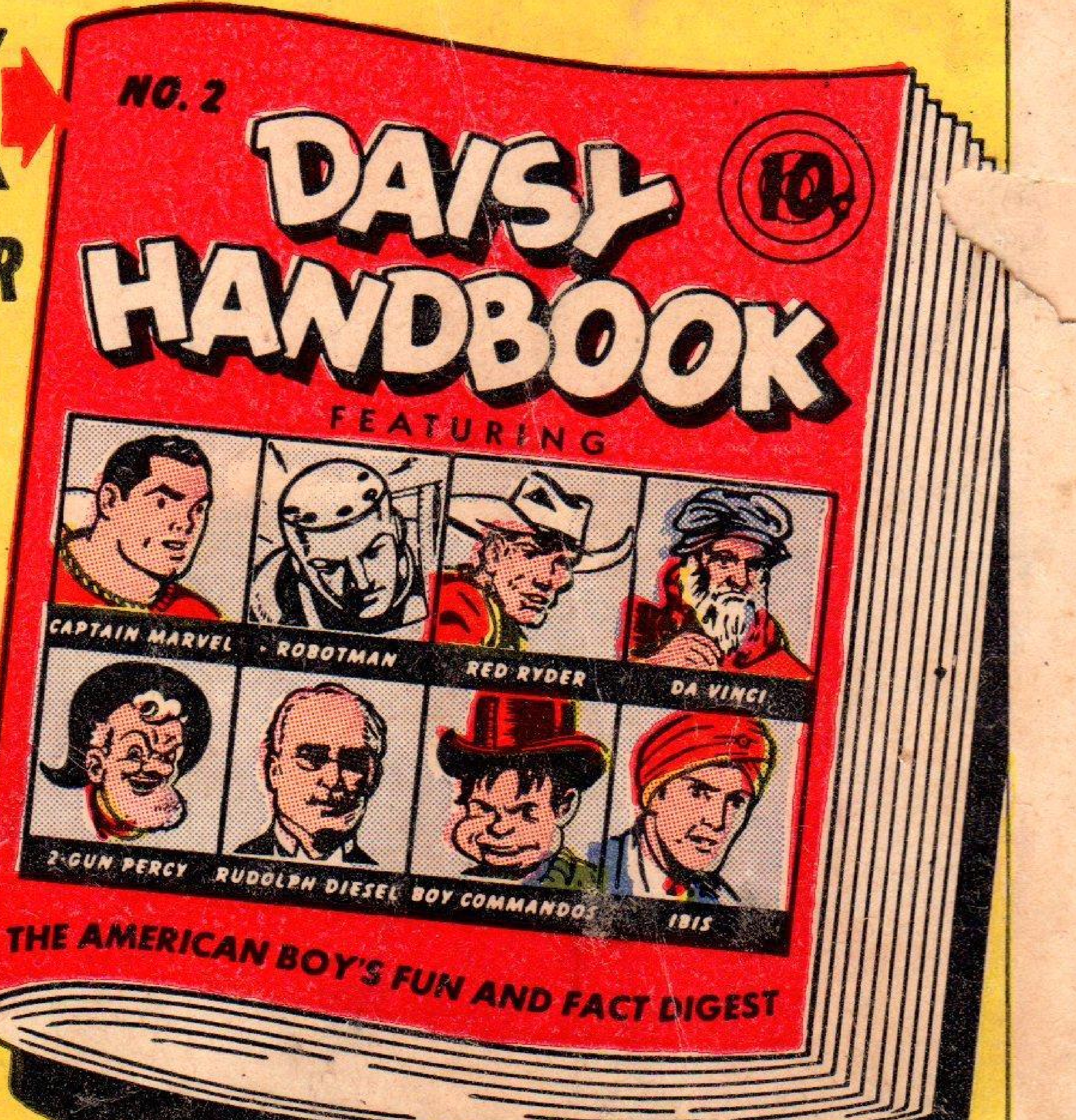
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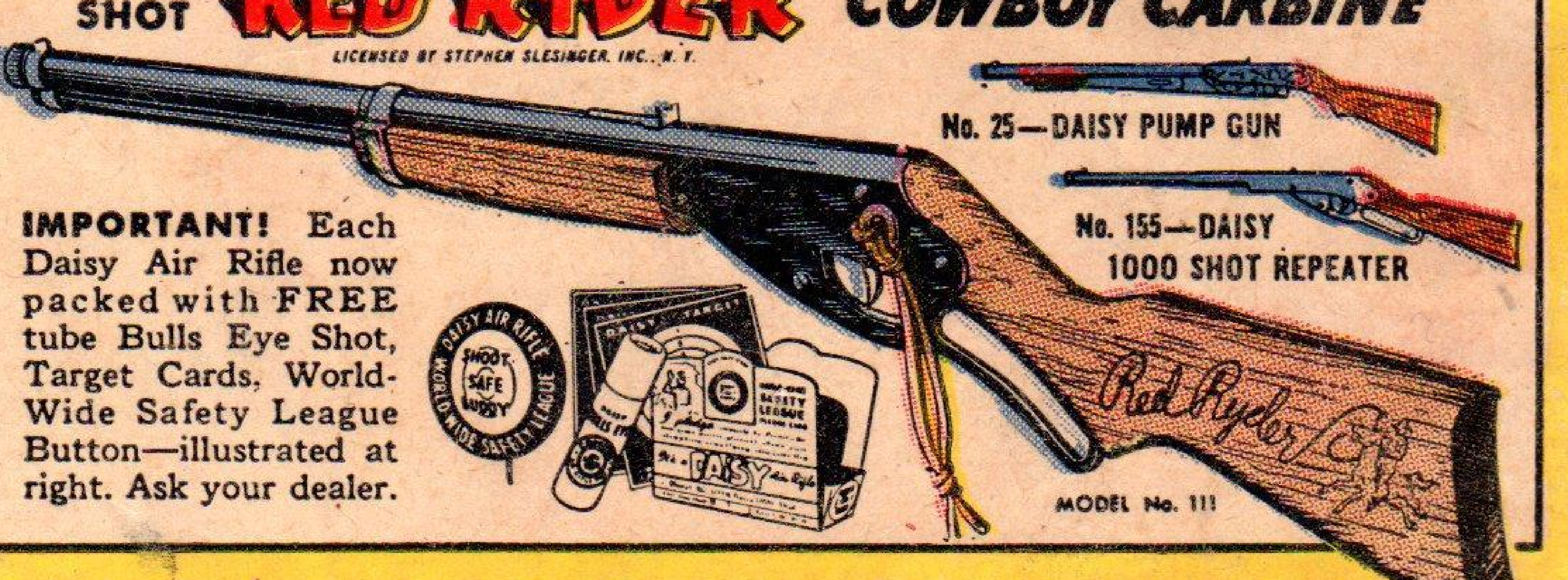
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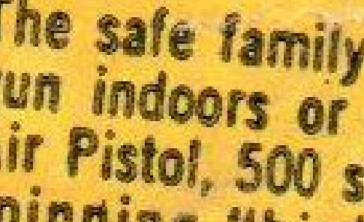

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